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The Synod called for reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton, calling on the Synod to take the duties and the privileges of the deacons' office into consideration, and propose an act respecting the same, for the information and guidance of congregations. An extract from the records of the Presbytery was read, together with an extract from the records of the Deacons' Court of Knox's Church, Hamilton, on which said reference had been founded. Several members of the Presbytery of Hamilton were heard in explanation of the reference. The Synod had long reasoning on the subject, when, on motion made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed to sustain the reference, and recommend to Elders and Deacons to manifest all forbearance in regard to the performance of their respective duties, and in the meantime, in consideration of their being some difference of opinion respecting the peculiar duties of Elders and Deacons, remit to the committee on calls and a code of discipline to consider the whole subject, and draft a series of regulations on the respective duties of Elders and Deacons, and report to the Synod at its next meeting.

**Reference
respecting
Deacons.**

The Synod agreed to meet at half-past three, P. M.

At half-past 1, P. M., the Synod was closed with prayer.

SESSION XVII.

HAMILTON, 10th June,
Wednesday, 3½, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the former Session were read.

The Synod took up an overture from the Presbytery of Kingston, respecting certain measures for promoting the order, purity and spirituality of the Church.

Overture.

The Synod heard in connection with this overture an interim report from Mr. Smellie, in behalf of a committee on the subject of calls and constitutions, and a code of discipline. The Synod sustained the overture and the Report of the Committee, and appointed Mr. Smellie, Convener; the Moderator, Mr. Stark, Mr. Cheyne, Ministers;—Mr. Ewen, Mr. Milne, Mr. Davidson, Elders; a committee to prepare a draft of regulations on the order, discipline, and government of the Church.

**Report on
Calls, &c.**