

the Church, to report to next Assembly. This amendment was put against the motion and was lost. The Moderator having put the question "Shall the motion pass?" the Ayes carried by a majority of 42 to 12. The motion was then declared to be carried.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in this place this evening at half-past seven o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

TWENTY-THIRD SEDERUNT.

In the same place and on the same day, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening:—

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by the Moderator.

Prayer was offered up by the Rev. J. Straith.

The Minutes of the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Sederunts were read and, as amended, sustained.

SUSTENTATION FUND.

The Clerk produced and read Overtures anent a Sustentation Fund from the Presbyteries of Stratford and Peterboro' and the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa. These were supported by Mr. McMullen. On motion of Mr. P. McF. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Robert Murray, the Assembly resolved, That it is desirable, before pronouncing any definite judgment on the subject of such Overtures and Returns to Remit, to have some distinct plan before the Assembly for this purpose.

It was further moved by Mr. McLeod and seconded by Mr. Murray, That a Committee be appointed to consider the various plans that have been or that may be suggested for establishing and managing such a Fund. That they send down to Presbyteries the plan, which, in their judgment, is best suited to the circumstances of our Church, and direct Presbyteries to report to next Assembly. It was moved in amendment by Dr. Cochrane and seconded by Dr. Waters, That a Committee be appointed to consider the various plans that have been or that may be suggested for establishing and managing such a Fund, and report to next Assembly such plan as, in their judgment, is best fitted to the circumstances of our Church. A vote having been taken, the amendment was carried over the motion by 37 to 31, and became the judgment of the House.

It was further resolved, That the Committee, referred to above, shall be empowered to procure whatever information it considers necessary from Presbyteries and from the officials of the Church, in order to carry out the purpose for which they are appointed. Said Committee was constituted as follows, viz.:—Mr. P. McF. McLeod, *Convener*; Dr. McNish, Messrs. D. J. Macdonnell, Alex. Gilray, W. T. McMullen, John Thompson (Sarnia), D. M. Gordon, R. H. Warden, Robert Campbell (Montreal), Thomas Sedgwick, E. A. McCurdy, John McMillan (Truro); Dr. Macdonald, Messrs. R. Murray, J. K. Blair, Geo. Underwood, D. Morrice, A. C. Hutchison, Colin McDougall, William Mitchell and W. B. McMurrich.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the report of the Board on French Evangelization, laid over from an early Sederunt. It was moved by P. McF. McLeod and seconded by Mr. C. B. Pitblado, That the report be adopted, with the exception of the recommendation regarding M. Ami, leaving it to the discretion of the Board of French Evangelization to take what steps they may think best in order to provide him with suitable accommodation; that the thanks of the Assembly be cordially tendered to the Committee, and