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The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the communication, and to reply that owing to press of business it would not be in the power of the Moderator and Assembly to accept the invitation.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at ten o'clock ; whereof public intimation was given, and this Sederunt was closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

At Halifax, and within St. Matthew's Church there, the nineteenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred.

The General Assembly met, as per adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. John Grierson leading in prayer at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and confirmed.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS.

The Assembly called for the report of the Committee on Religious Instruction in Schools, which was presented by Principal Caven, *Convener*, and which, being printed and in the hands of members, he invited attention to, especially sections two and three.

He concluded with moving the following resolution, which was seconded by Dr. Thompson :—

Receive and adopt the report, and instruct the committee, to be appointed to co-operate with similar committees and with representatives of other churches in securing for the Bible in the Public Education of the several Provinces the place to which it is entitled.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

At this stage, being informed that the report of the Judicial Committee was ready for presentation, the Assembly called for the same, which was given in and read by Dr. A. B. MacKay, *Convener*, who, seconded by Mr. James Bain, moved its reception.

Principal Grant moved, in amendment, seconded by Dr. Moore :—

That the report be referred back to the Judicial Committee, with instructions to confer with the parties to the Reference and ascertain whether they are willing, in the interest of peace, to accept the proposed report or whether they claim their right to discuss the whole matter before the General Assembly.

A vote being taken, the amendment prevailed over the motion, and was affirmed as a judgment of the house.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the subject of Religious Instruction in Schools.

The motion of Dr. Caven was adopted.

It was then moved by Mr. J. A. Macdonald, seconded by Dr. Herridge, and agreed to :—