

G. Chrystal, J. Little (Princeton), J. Gray (Orillia); Messrs. A. D. Fordyce, J. Creasor, J. F. Brown, jr.

XX. ON THE PROTECTION OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Mr. Jas. McLennan, Convener; Dr. Bell, Dr. Reid, Dr. Kemp, Prof. Mackerras, Mr. Thos. Macpherson; Hon. Alex. Morris, D. B. McLennan, W. M. Clark, Jas. Cowan, G. M. Macdonnell, J. F. Bain (Winnipeg), J. L. Morris.

It was agreed that the travelling expenses of members of Committees XVI.—(1) and XVII.—(1), should not be paid.

REPORT ON REMITS.

Dr. Topp, Convener of the Committee appointed to examine and classify Returns from the Presbyteries to the Remits sent down for consideration, gave in and read a report.

1. Returns anent Hymn Book.

On this point sixteen Presbyteries approve with suggestions, thirteen Presbyteries recommend the Assembly to re-commit, one reports disapproval, and three send no report.

2. Returns anent the Sustentation or Supplemental Scheme.

Nine Presbyteries report approval of a Sustentation Fund, and seven of a Supplemental Fund, whilst eight Presbyteries desire no change. One Presbytery is desirous of having an adequate stipend to all Ministers, and seems indifferent as to whether that be supplied by a Sustentation or Aid-giving Scheme. Eight Presbyteries make no return.

The report was received and adopted.

REPORT ON HYMN BOOK.

Dr. Gregg, Joint Convener of the Committee appointed to prepare a Hymn Book, presented and read a report. In connection with this there was read an Overture from the Synod of Hamilton and London "recommending the Assembly to give further time for "the preparation of the proposed Hymn Book, and to enlarge the Committee so as to secure a fuller representation of the mind of the Church." The Overture was supported by Messrs. McMullen, D. D. McLeod, and J. A. Murray. It was moved by Dr. Jenkins and seconded by Mr. Forrest:—

1. That the report be received and the Committee re-appointed with instructions to avail themselves of the suggestions of Presbyteries, for the purpose of making the Hymn Book as complete as possible, and also that they be empowered to publish the Book for the use of congregations in our Church.

2. That the Committee be empowered to make arrangements with publishers to secure the copyright for the benefit of the Church.

3. That the expenses incurred by the Committee be paid in the meantime from the Assembly Fund, to be repaid from the profits of publication.

4. That a Committee be appointed to select suitable music for the Hymns adopted, in order that an edition with music may be published as early as practicable. To this it was moved in amendment by Principal Caven, and seconded by Principal McVicar, That the Assembly receive the report and thank the Committee for their diligence. Further, the General Assembly express their appreciation of the progress made by the Committee, and re-appoint the Committee with instructions to continue their labours for the improvement of the collection of Hymns presented by them, giving full consideration to the criticisms of Presbyteries forwarded to them or which may be yet forwarded, and report to the next General Assembly. Further, Presbyteries are invited still to assist the Committee by remitting to them any well-considered suggestions which may seem to them of importance.