

ministers and elders attending meetings of Synod, be left to the decision of each congregation or locality where the Synod may be held."

Mr. McKibbin, with the consent of his seconder and the court, asked leave to withdraw his motion. This was granted.

The vote was then taken between the amendment of Dr. Cochrane and the motion of Dr. McMullen, when the amendment was carried by a large majority.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

Mr. T. W. Nisbet, convener of the Sabbath School Committee, presented the annual report, which showed a gratifying increase in almost every particular.

The report was received, and the recommendations considered serially, and after emendations were adopted, as follows:

I. That all schools be urged to adopt the system of Records, authorized by the General Assembly, and strive to send in full returns to the Presbytery conveners.

II. That the Synod, while it is desirous of encouraging systematic study in Biblical and doctrinal truths, yet is not at present prepared to commend the scheme of higher religious instructions as now before the church.

III. That congregations be again enjoined to make more liberal provision for the support of their schools, and that the children be encouraged to do more for the schemes of the church.

IV. That the Assembly's committee be requested to simplify, and improve the class roll book and school register in their relation to one another, so that the register may more easily be filled in each Sabbath.

On motion duly made and seconded, a cordial vote of thanks was awarded to Mr. Nisbet for his great labors in compiling the Sabbath school returns, and the interesting report submitted.

COMMISSION OF SYNOD IN RE KNOX CHURCH, STRATFORD, AND REV. THOMAS MACPHERSON.

The Clerk laid upon the table the minutes of the commission held in Stratford May 13th, 1889, which were ordered to be engrossed in the minutes.

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF SYNOD IN THE STRATFORD CASE.

At Stratford, and within Knox Church there, the 14th day of May, 1889, at three o'clock p.m., which day and place the commission of Synod in the Stratford Case met for conference, prior to the meeting of the congregation to be held in the evening.