

LETTER FROM DR. KING.

Dr. Cochrane read a letter from the Moderator, Principal King, stating the reasons of his absence, expressing the hope that the General Assembly would, under the circumstances, sustain those reasons, wishing for the Assembly a profitable meeting, and returning thanks for the honour conferred upon him last year by his appointment as Moderator.

DR. COCHRANE'S ADDRESS.

Dr. Cochrane addressed the Assembly at some length, mentioning especially the loss sustained by the Church during the year, in the removal by death of a number of our ministers—some in a ripe old age, and several at much earlier periods of life, and of many worthy elders and valuable members of the Church, and speaking of the encouraging features in the condition of the Church, in the success attending the efforts for augmenting the salaries of many of our more poorly-paid ministers, and the greatly increased liberality of the members of the Church at large in support of the various enterprises in which the Church is engaged.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of a Moderator. The nominations to the Moderatorship returned by the several Presbyteries were read. These were in favour of Dr. MacLaren, Professor of Theology in Knox College, by the Presbyteries of Glengarry, Whitby, Lindsay, London, Sarnia, Stratford, Chatham, Maitland, Hamilton, Paris, Toronto, Ottawa, Brockville, Barrie :—in favour of Dr. MacKnight, Principal of Halifax College, by the Presbyteries of Montreal, Kingston, Pictou, Lunenburg and Shelburne, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, St. John, Victoria and Richmond, Halifax, Newfoundland :—in favour of Mr. Kenneth MacLennan, of Charlottetown, by the Presbyteries of Wallace, Miramichi, Saugeen, Huron :—in favour of Mr. J. K. Smith, of Galt, by the Presbyteries of Guelph, and Lanark and Renfrew :—in favour of Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, by the Presbyteries of Peterborough and Bruce :—in favour of Dr. Grant, Principal of Queen's University and College, by the Presbyteries of Sydney and Owen Sound :—in favour of C. B. Pitblado, by the Presbytery of Truro. The Presbytery of Quebec made no nomination.

At the request of Mr. Pitblado through Dr. Reid, his name was withdrawn from the list. The names of Mr. J. K. Smith and Mr. Kenneth MacLennan, were, at their own request, also withdrawn. It was then moved by the Hon. Alexander Morris, seconded by Mr. Samuel Lyle, that Professor MacLaren be elected as Moderator of this Assembly. It was moved in amendment by Dr. Macrae, seconded by Mr. D. J. Macdonnell, that Principal MacKnight be chosen as Moderator. Votes were taken, when Dr. MacLaren was elected by a majority and was conducted to the chair by the mover and seconder of his appointment, and proceeded to address the Assembly, thanking them for the honour conferred upon him, claiming the support and consideration usually accorded to the position in which he was placed, and dwelling at some length on the important sphere occupied by the Church, and the great responsibility resting upon her to prosecute with zeal and faithfulness the work that lay before her at home and abroad.

THANKS TO DR. KING, ETC.

It was then moved by Mr. Kenneth MacLennan, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith, and agreed to—That the cordial thanks of the General Assembly are due and are hereby tendered to the Rev. Dr. King for the able, dignified and faithful manner in which he discharged the duties of his office as Moderator of the Assembly last year; and further, the General Assembly, recognizing the importance of the Church work in which he is en-