

OVERTURE ON CONSTITUTION OF ASSEMBLY.

There was next submitted an Overture on the Constitution of the Assembly and Synods, proposing to amend the same, transmitted by the Presbytery of London.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in this place this afternoon at three o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

THIRTEENTH SEDERUNT.

In the same place and on the same day, at three o'clock in the afternoon:—

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. Professor Gregg, D.D.

The Minutes of the Twelfth Sederunt were read and sustained.

REASONS OF DISSENT.

Dr. Waters gave in the following reasons of dissent from the finding of the Assembly anent appointing delegates to the General Presbyterian Council by ballot, viz.:—

1. Because the decision of the General Assembly to take the vote by ballot is a method of procedure unknown to the Supreme Court of the Church.

2. Because the method of taking the vote by ballot is not contemplated by the rules which the Assembly has adopted for taking the vote.

3. Because it seems, at least, very doubtful whether such a method of taking the vote is consistent with the responsibility of the Assembly as a representative body.

Dr. Jenkins, Mr. Middlemiss and the Hon. Alex. Morris joined in these reasons.

REPORT ANENT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. John Gray (Orillia), Convener of the Committee appointed to nominate Standing Committees for the year, gave in and read a report. This report was considered until the arrival of the time fixed for hearing the Rev. Dr. Lacy.

ADDRESS OF DR. LACY.

The Rev. Dr. Lacy, a member of the Southern Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, was introduced to the Moderator. Dr. Lacy addressed the House in advocacy of the claims of the Theological Institute founded at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for the education of the Freedmen.

It was moved by Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. William King and carried unanimously, That the General Assembly express their satisfaction in hearing from the Rev. Dr. Lacy his interesting statements in reference to a Theological Training School for the Freedmen in the Southern States, and express their warm sympathy with the efforts put forth to secure an educated Ministry for the coloured people of the South.

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.