

THIRD SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

WEDNESDAY, June 15, 1864, 3 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer,—Mr. James Skinner, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

The Committee on the Commissions of Elders, appointed last night, handed in a Report. The Report was read and adopted, and the names of Elders contained therein reported as bearing regular commissions as representatives of their several sessions, were ordered to be added to the Synod Roll. Commissions of Elders, Committee's Report on.

In reference to the disposal of the Reports of Presbyteries read at the morning Sederunt, a motion was submitted by Mr. R. F. Burns, which was unanimously adopted to the effect following:—That the Reports be printed in the Appendix to the Synod's Minutes; but that, in consideration of the references made in them to several beloved brethren as having been removed by death during the past year, the Synod, devoutly recognizing the hand of God in these solemn dispensations, appoint a Committee to draw up an appropriate Minute on this subject, said Committee to consist of Principal Willis, Messrs. Middlemiss and Burns, ministers; Dr. Holden and Mr. James Dougan, elders—Principal Willis, Convener. Presbytery Reports, Committee to draft Minute.

The Synod proceeded to the appointment of a Committee on the Remits to Presbyteries and Sessions, on the several subjects sent down, to collate the same and to report at a future Sederunt. The Committee was appointed as follows, namely:—Messrs. Thomas McPherson, John Baird, Alex. F. Kemp, ministers; M. C. Lutz and D. Cattnach, elders—Mr. McPherson, Convener. Return to Remits, Committee on.

It was proposed now to appoint the Committee to examine the papers connected with the applications from Presbyteries for the reception of ministers from other Churches, and the licensure of students. After reasoning as to the powers and duties of the said Committee, Applications for the Committee, Motion on.

It was moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Gregg, That the Committee be appointed to consider and report on the applications sent up through Presbyteries for the admission of ministers from other Churches, and for leave to take students on trials for license.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Topp, and duly seconded, That a Committee be appointed to consider the applications from Presbyteries for the reception of ministers from other Churches, and also for leave to take students on trials for license, and, if they see cause, to confer with the applicants from other Churches, and report. Amendment.

A vote being taken, the amendment of Mr. Topp was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof. Decision, Amendment carried.