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FORM OF POLITY.

Mr. George Bell gave in the Report of the Committee on a Form of Church Polity, which was read. In connection with this the Synod entered upon a revision of Book I. of said Form, referring to the nature, powers, and duties of the several Church Courts, submitted to the Synod at last meeting, and since then printed by the Committee and sent down to members for consideration. The same was read, paragraph by paragraph, and amended in some particulars. The final consideration of this measure was deferred until to-morrow morning, and in the meantime the Committee were instructed to prepare and submit regulations with reference to certain points which they had omitted to notice.

CORRESPONDENTS FROM THE SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Rev. Charles M. Grant and the Rev. James F. Fraser, Corresponding members from the Synod of Nova Scotia, were heard in regard to the position of the Church which they represent, and their views and feelings with reference to a closer union than now exists between the several branches of the Church of Scotland in the Dominion of Canada. Mr. Pollok also, at the request of the Court, made a fuller statement of his views on these points than he had had opportunity of doing on a previous occasion. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Kenneth MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Robert Campbell, and unanimously agreed to, That the Correspondents be requested to convey to the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, about to meet in Pictou, the fraternal sympathy of this Synod with the brethren in the Lower Provinces in their labours and Missionary Schemes, and the satisfaction with which it accepts the resolutions of the Synods of the Lower Provinces to co-operate in Theological education. That with reference to the proposal for a General Assembly, which has been long before this Court and has received some attention from the Synods of the Lower Provinces, the Synod declare their conviction that the measure is not only in the present circumstances of the Church in the Dominion wise and expedient, but also practicable; and, with a view of carrying the same into effect with as little delay as possible, appoint the following members a Committee to draft a scheme of consolidation and submit the same to any similar Committee that may be appointed by the United Synod of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, viz.: Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Barclay, Principal Snodgrass, Dr. Cook, Dr. Jenkins, Messrs. Kenneth MacLennan, Mackerras; Alexander Morris, Croil, and Dennis-toun;—Dr. Mathieson to be Convener and Dr. Jenkins Vice-Convener;—two members of the Committee to be Corresponding members to the ensuing meeting of the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, with instructions to direct their attention to this subject in their correspondence; and instruct the Clerk to give commissions to any other members who may be able to attend.