

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, St. Catharines, the fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty years. The Synod again met at 9.30 a.m.; Rev. Dr. Bell, Moderator, and was duly constituted; Mr. W. T. Wilkins engaging in prayer.

The minutes of previous sederunt were read and sustained.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented their second report which, on motion, was adopted as the order of the day.

1st. Appointing of Synodical Standing Committees.

2nd. Report of Committee on Buxton Mission.

3rd. Appeal from Rev. D. Gordon against a decision of the Stratford Presbytery.

4th. Overture from Stratford Presbytery anent the appointment of Standing Committees by the General Assembly.

5th. Overture from Paris Presbytery anent payment of expenses of Assembly Commissioners.

6th. Overture from certain members of Synod anent the conferring of degrees by our theological colleges.

7th. Petition of the Rev. D. Mann, transmitted through the Stratford Presbytery.

8th. Report from the Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's books.

9th. Reports of Committees appointed to examine Presbytery Records.

10th. Application from Presbyteries for leave to license students.

11th. Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

12th. Overture anent Home Mission work in the North-West.

SYNODICAL STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following committees were then appointed by the Synod:

STATE OF RELIGION.—Messrs. D. D. McLeod (Convener), J. W. Mitchell, M. A., McKinnon, Waits, Thompson (Sarnia), Laidlaw, Goldsmith and Anderson (Tiverton), Ministers; and Messrs. J. Henderson, Barr, Gordon, G. Black, Muddell, Ballantyne and Montgomery, Elders.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Messrs. Mungo Frazer (Convener), McEwen, McGuire, R. Hamilton, Walker (Chatham), Thompson and Straith, Ministers; and Messrs. W. N. Hossie, A. I. Mackenzie and Peter Marshall, Elders.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Mr. R. N. Grant (Convener), Messrs. P. McF. McLeod, D. Fletcher, J. A. Murray, Burson, Dr. Bell and Dr. Ure, Ministers; and Messrs. Thomas Gordon, Adam Spence and J. Charlton, M.P., Elders.

TEMPERANCE.—Mr. J. Sieveright (Convener), and Messrs. R. Hall, McLean and J. M. Goodwillie, Ministers, and Mr. A. Mathieson, Elder.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed that speeches to-day should be limited to five minutes each, save in the case of those presenting reports or pleading cases.

RUXTON MISSION.

The report of Buxton Mission was read by Mr. Battisby, Mr. Samuel Glen was heard on behalf of the Buxton Congregation, in reference to the future appropriation of the Mission Funds. On motion of Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Straith the report was received, and its recommendation adopted. The Buxton Mission Committee was appointed as follows: Mr. Battisby, Convener, Messrs. Gray,