

held as read and were ordered to be printed, as hitherto, in the Appendix to the Assembly's Minutes.

COMMISSION OF DR. BRUCE.

There was read from the table, a commission from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, appointing the Rev. Alexander Balmain Bruce, D.D., Professor of Apologetics and New Testament Exegesis, to appear as their Deputy before the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, to meet at Montreal on the ninth day of June. Dr. Bruce being present was, by the Moderator, invited to the platform, and introduced to the House.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY NOTICES.

The Assembly appointed a Committee to draft Obituary Notices of the several Ministers of this Church, who, during the past year, have been removed by death, consisting of the following members, viz.:—Mr. Kenneth McLennan, *Convener*, Dr. Reid, Mr. B. Torrance, Prin. McKnight, Mr. James Croil, Hon. J. McMurrich.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Assembly called for the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. The Convener of said Committee not being present, no report was forthcoming. The names of the members of the Committee were read from the printed minutes of last year, and the Committee were summoned from the chair to meet and prepare a report.

OVERTURE ON TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

The Assembly took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Paris, transmitted by the Synod of Hamilton and London, containing a scheme, in detail, for providing means to meet the travelling expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly. The Overture was read, and it was agreed to hear the Commissioners appointed to support the same before the Assembly. Mr. W. T. Root, and Mr. J. Laing were heard in support of the Overture. A portion of the report of the Assembly's Finance Committee, to whom the Overture was, last year, remitted for consideration, was read.

It was moved by Mr. Carmichael of Markham, seconded by Mr. Neil McKay, that the subject of the expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly be left to the consideration of the various Presbyteries, and that each devise and adopt such a plan as may seem best for indemnifying its Commissioners to the General Assembly. It was moved in amendment, by Mr. A. McLean Sinclair, seconded by Mr. W. Adamson, that a Standing Committee on Mileage be appointed by the Assembly. It was moved in further amendment by the Hon. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. W. B. McMurrich, That the Overture, together with the Report of the Finance Committee, be remitted to a Committee to be appointed, to report at a future diet of the Assembly. Votes were taken in due order, when the main motion was carried by a large majority over both the amendments, and became the judgment of the House.

DEPUTATION FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

There were introduced to the General Assembly the Rev. Dr. Duff of Sherbrooke, and the Rev. Mr. Black, Delegates to the Assembly from the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, now meeting in this City. Dr. Duff and Mr. Black, severally, addressed the House, conveying the fraternal salutations of the Body with which they are connected. The Moderator, in appropriate terms, responded to the addresses of the Delegates.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Assembly adjourned to meet again at half-past seven o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.