

## FOURTH SEDERUNT.

First Presbyterian Church, London, the twenty-first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, 7.30 p. m.

The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted by the Moderator, Mr. John Eadie leading the Synod in prayer.

The minutes of former sederunt were read and sustained.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Reports from the various Standing Committees were called for, and presented as follows : That on the state of religion by Mr. Farquaharson, that on Temperance by Mr. Cockburn, that on Sabbath observance by Mr. Musgrave, and that on Sabbath schools by Mr. Dey, in the absence of Mr. Nisbet, the convener.

After the reports had been read, devotional exercises were engaged in, Mr. A. I. MacKenzie leading the Synod in prayer.

Thereafter on motion of Mr. R. Hamilton, the reports were received and thanks tendered the various conveners. It was also agreed to consider the recommendation of the several reports.

The recommendations of the committee on the state of religion were adopted.

1. That sessions be commended to hold fast in their efforts to have the prayer meeting attendance increased.

2. That sessions meet as often as possible for prayer or conference, touching the spiritual condition of their congregations.

3. That attention be called to the recommendation of last Assembly, "that as a means of developing the gifts and graces of the young, a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, or similar associations be organized in congregations, the constitution of such societies in all cases to be approved by the session of the congregation in which the society is organized."

The recommendations of the Committee on Temperance, were adopted, as follows :

1. That since Christ alone can save men, purify society, and make us a temperance people, we give ourselves in promoting the cause of temperance, with renewed diligence, to hold up Christ in our pulpits, prayer meetings, Sabbath schools and families, and in the community, as the only Saviour from sin.

2. That members and officebearers of the church, be urged to