

the standing orders of the Synod, when Rev. W. Aitken, of Smith's Falls was elected to the Chair, and addressed the Synod in brief but appropriate terms.

The Synod heard the report of the Business Committee, appointed Committee to examine the various Presbytery Records, arranged the hours for the ordinary diets of business, and then closed the first sederunt.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH JUNE.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—As usual, the first part of the morning sederunt of Wednesday, was devoted to devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator, Mr. J. Skinner, Mr. J. Crombie, and Col. Haultain.

LICENSING OF STUDENTS.—Application was made by Presbyteries for leave to take on trial for license the following Students of Theology: Messrs. A. Findlay, J. McColl, H. McQuarrie, J. Baikie, K. McDonald, J. H. Thom, A. Simpson, R. N. Grant, and W. M. Roger. Leave was granted as requested.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.—Application was made by several Presbyteries for leave to receive as Ministers of this Church several Probationers and Ministers, who had come within their bounds since last meeting of Synod. A Committee was appointed to examine the documents with reference to the several parties. In the report of this Committee the Synod at subsequent diets granted leave to the Presbytery of Brockville to receive Mr. R. Moodie, formerly of the Presbyterian Church in New Brunswick,—to the Presbytery of Montreal to receive Mr. John Jones, a licentiate of the Presbyterian Church in the United States,—and to the Presbytery of Stratford to receive Mr. W. Moore, and Mr. Martin Lowry.

The Synod also granted leave to the Presbytery of Toronto, and the Presbytery of Ontario respectively, to receive on being satisfied with the parties, Mr. F. Duncan, and Mr. W. Lumsden.

DEBT ON BEACHVILLE CHURCH.—The Synod had before it a Reference from the Presbytery of Paris, setting forth in substance that a gentleman on condition of provision being made to extinguish said debt, amounting to \$1,600, proposed to give \$4,000 to Knox College, and stating the inability of the Presbytery to deal satisfactorily with the said proposal, or to fulfil the required condition. Several members of the Paris Presbytery were heard on the subject of the Reference. After lengthened discussion, the following motion was carried: Refer the matter to a Committee, consisting of Rev. W. McLaren, Rev. J. M. King, Rev. W. T. McMullen, Rev. J. Ross, Hon. J. McMurrich, and Rev. W. Clark, with a view to see what can be done in the way of raising funds to relieve the Beachville congregation from its indebtedness, and to report at a future sederunt.

We may here state, that the Committee referred to, reported before the close of the Synod to the effect, that the amount of \$950 had been subscribed by members of Synod, besides farther sums which were promised, but not actually subscribed. It was again referred to a Committee to prosecute the matter, to negotiate with the Paris Presbytery, and the party to whom the debt on the Beachville Church is owing, and to adopt such measures as they may deem advisable to complete the business.

PETITION FROM UTICA.—The Synod had under consideration a petition from members of the Church at Utica, in the bounds of the Presbytery of Ontario, setting forth that the place of worship erected by the said congregation, and used by the Minister of the said congregation until the resignation of Mr. Sharp, had been taken possession of by a party disaffected, which party had closed the Church against the said congregation and the Ministers of this Church, and had attempted to hand over the property to the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland; that they, the congregation, had consulted Counsel, and commenced a suit in equity for the