

EIGHTEENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 16th June, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod again met, and was constituted with prayer, praise, and the reading of the Word.

The minutes of last Diet were read and sustained.

On Tuesday evening the Committee on the subject of the Registration of Births, Marriages, &c., reported. The Report was received and the Committee re-appointed. Report regarding registration of Marriages &c.

The Committee appointed to prepare a series of standing orders for the ordering of the business of the house, reported the draft of a set of rules. The Synod sustained the report and adopted as the standing orders of the house, the rules prepared by the Committee.

The following are the standing orders agreed to:—

Standing orders.

I. As to Papers to be transmitted to the Clerk previous to the Meeting of Synod.

1st. Certified Rolls of each Presbytery shall be sent up by its respective Clerk, so as to be in the hands of the Clerk of Synod at least eight days before that on which the Synod meets.

2nd. All Overtures from Presbyteries, or Presbyteries' returns to Overtures, or papers in cases intended to be transmitted to the Synod through the Committee of Bills, shall be sent in to the Clerk of Synod at least one day before the meeting of Synod; said Overtures or returns shall be in the form of certified extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery by which it is transmitted; it being understood, however, that this order shall not be considered as dispensing with the attendance of parties at the meeting of Committee.

II. As to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

1st. The Committee of Bills and Overtures shall be appointed by the Synod at its first session, and shall meet on the evening of that day, and also on the morning of the second and third days of meeting, half-an-hour before the meeting of Synod.

2nd. The Committee of Bills shall see that all papers presented to them in cases from Inferior Courts, whether forming part of the record, or produced in evidence before said courts, have been duly numbered and certified by the Clerk of said court; and said committee shall not receive any paper which is not so authenticated, unless upon special cause shewn, to be reported by them to the Synod.

III. As to the Synod.

1. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

1st. The second diet of the Synod's meeting shall be chiefly spent in devotional exercises, and such portion of the time of other diets as the Moderator of Synod shall think proper.

2. BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

The Synod shall, at its first diet, appoint a Committee, which may be the Committee of Bills and Overtures, to arrange the business of the Court; said Committee shall meet on the morning of the following day, and be prepared to make their report to the Synod immediately after the Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures shall