

seconded by Mr. Moore to the following effect, That Ministers retiring with leave of the Assembly, so long as they remain within the bounds of the Presbytery to which they belonged, and are not engaged in any secular calling, have their names retained on the roll of that Presbytery with power to deliberate and vote. A vote having been taken between this amendment and that proposed by Mr. Middlemiss, the latter was carried by a majority of votes. A vote was next taken between Mr. Middlemiss' amendment, now become the amendment, and the original motion, when the amendment was carried. The motion, thus amended, was carried and became the judgment of the House.

DELEGATES TO THE SECOND GENERAL PRESBYTERIAN CONFERENCE.

There were next read communications from the officials of the General Council of the Presbyterian Alliance, intimating that the second General Council is appointed to meet in the city of Philadelphia on Sept. 21st, 1880, and requesting the Assembly to appoint sixteen Delegates as Commissioners to this meeting, one half of whom—or as nearly as possible—to be Ministers, and one half ruling Elders. It was moved by Dr. Waters and duly seconded, That the communications be received and that the members of the late Committee on Correspondence with other Churches, who are members of this Assembly, be a Committee to nominate the members of the deputation and report to this Assembly. To this it was moved in amendment by Mr. A. Matheson and seconded by Mr. F. McF. McLeod, That the Assembly appoint the delegates by ballot, and that the vote be taken to-morrow afternoon as the first business. A further amendment was made by Mr. Robert Campbell (Montreal) and seconded by Dr. Bennet, That the vote of the Assembly on the appointment of delegates to the General Council be by nomination papers, without previous *viva voce* nomination, and that the name of the voter be appended. A vote having been taken between the second amendment as against the first, the first amendment was carried by a majority of votes. A new amendment was proposed by Mr. McCuaig and seconded by Hon. Alex. Morris, That the appointment of a Committee to nominate members to attend the General Council be left with the Moderator, and that he report to a future Sederunt of this Assembly. A vote was taken between this amendment and that proposed by Mr. Matheson, when the latter was carried by a majority of votes. A further amendment was moved by Mr. N. McKinnon and seconded by Mr. D. H. Fletcher, That for the election of delegates, nomination be made by one moving and another seconding in open Assembly, and that a list be thus made from which the number required shall be elected by ballot; that is to say, each member shall write the names of those for whom he wishes to vote and subscribe his own name; and those that have the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. This amendment having been put against Mr. Matheson's, now become the amendment, was lost. The amendment having been put against the motion was carried, and the motion, thus amended, became the judgment of the House.

From this decision Dr. Waters, in his own name and in the name of all who may adhere to him, craved leave to enter his dissent, promising to give in reasons in due time. To this dissent there adhered Dr. Jenkins, Dr. L. in, Dr. McGregor, Professor Mackerras, Messrs. F. McCuaig, A. Farquharson, Abraham McIntosh, James Middlemiss; Hon. John McMurich, Hon. Alex. Morris, Messrs. T. W. Taylor, James Croil, Thos. McCrae, J. G. Campbell, W. Colthart, A. Burnett, Peter Stewart, F. B. Stewart.

NEXT MEETING OF ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly proceeded to the selection of a place for the next meeting of Assembly when it was unanimously agreed to hold the same in the City of Montreal and within Crescent Street Church there. It was further agreed by a majority of votes to hold the same on the second Wednesday of June, 1880, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.