

REFERENCE FROM CHATHAM PRESBYTERY.

On motion of Mr. McEwen, duly seconded, Messrs. Munro, McKinnon, and K. Macdonald, Ministers, and Mr. Thomas Gordon, Elder, were appointed assessors, to sit with the Presbytery of Chatham in adjusting the irregularities existing in the congregation of Dawn.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting of Synod should be held at Brantford, and within Zion Church, there, on the second Monday of April, 1881, at 7.30 p. m.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Mr. D. D. McLeod, Convener of the Committee on the State of Religion, presented the annual report.

On motion of Mr. John Laing, M.A., seconded by Mr. George Burson, the report was received.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Mr. Mungo Frazer, Convener of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, read the annual report.

On motion of Mr. Chrystal, seconded by Mr. P. McF. McLeod, the report was received.

STATE OF RELIGION REPORT.

On motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Robert Hamilton, the Synod resolved to express satisfaction with the degree of completeness of the returns, and the generally hopeful tone of the reports from sessions, as presented in the report on the State of Religion, and to record gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the blessing vouchsafed to many congregations during the past year; also to express thanks to the committee, particularly to the convener, for their diligence in preparing the report, and instruct the Clerk to forward the report to the Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on the State of Religion.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

On motion of Mr. McEwen, seconded by Mr. Burson, the report with its recommendations was adopted, and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the committee, and especially to the convener, and instructions given that it be forwarded to the Assembly's Committee as the report of this Synod.

The recommendations are as follows:

I. That hereafter the blank forms issued by the Assembly for Sabbath School information be circulated only once in two years.

II. That Presbyteries give attention to the question of teacher training.

III. That the attention of the Assembly be directed to the necessity of submitting a list of approved books, from which our schools may make their selections.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet again at 9.30 to-morrow morning. The Moderator then pronounced the benediction.