

The Committee on Temperance was reappointed as follows: Mr. J. Sieveright (convener), and Messrs. R. Hall, McLean, and J. M. Goodwillie (in room of Mr. D. Frazer, now of Saugeen Presbytery), ministers; and Mr. A. Mathieson, elder.

OVERTURE ON BOOK OF HYMNS.

The overture regarding the preparation of a Book of Hymns for the use of the church was then read, and the Synod proceeded to consider it. Mr. D. D. McLeod—the first name appended to the overture—was heard in its support; followed by Messrs. McAlpine, Murray and McMullen.

The overture recommended the Assembly to give further time for the preparation of the proposed Hymn Book, and to enlarge the committee so as to secure a fuller representation of the mind of the church.

Mr. D. D. McLeod moved that the overture be received and adopted and transmitted to the Assembly. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walter Inglis and carried unanimously, and Messrs. McMullen, McLeod and Murray appointed to support the overture before the General Assembly.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The records of the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Paris, London, Chatham, Stratford, Huron and Bruce having been reported by the several committees as carefully and correctly kept, the Synod ordered the same to be attested in the terms of the reports.

The Synod then adjourned to meet again at half-past two o'clock p. m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

* SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Saint Andrew's Church, London, Thursday, tenth April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, three o'clock p. m. The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment and was duly constituted, Mr. R. Hall, along with the Moderator, conducting the devotional exercises.

The minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained.

THE RIPLEY CASE.

Dr. Prondfoot presented the report of the Committee on the Ripley appeal case.

The report was to the effect that they recommended unanimously that the complaint and appeal be dismissed, and that the action of the Presbytery of Bruce be sustained.

On the motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Peter Scott, the report of the committee was received and unanimously adopted, and the action of the Presbytery of Bruce sustained.

Parties were called to the bar; when Mr. Tolmie, on behalf of the Presbytery of Bruce, acquiesced in the finding and craved extracts.

Mr. Sutherland, on behalf of the Ripley congregation, also craved extracts.