

NINETEENTH SEDERUNT.

On the same day, and at the same place, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon :—

The Assembly met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, prayer being offered at the Moderator's request by Mr. J. R. Battisby.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

RECORDS—REPORTS ON.

The Assembly called for the Reports of the several Committees appointed at the first Sederunt, to examine the Record of the General Assembly, the Records of the several Synods, and the Record of the Presbytery of Manitoba. Reports were handed in and read from the Committee on the Record of the General Assembly, and from the Committees on the Records of the Synods of the Maritime Provinces, of Montreal and Ottawa, of Toronto and Kingston, and of Hamilton and London, and of the Presbytery of Manitoba, stating that the Record of the General Assembly, and the Records of the several Synods, and of the Presbytery of Manitoba were carefully and correctly kept. The Reports were received, and the Assembly ordered the several records to be attested in terms of said reports.

The Assembly at the same time instructed the Clerk of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, to supply certain signatures, wanting, as noted; also, agreed to instruct the Presbytery of Manitoba, to see to the completion of the Record of that Presbytery, as it appeared that the Minutes had been written up only to the twenty-first of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, (Sept. 21, 1882).

APPEAL OF MR. THOMAS FENWICK.

The Assembly took up a reference from the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, in the case of an appeal of Mr. Thomas Fenwick from a decision of the Presbytery of Quebec, ordering his removal as Ordained Missionary from the Mission Station of Metis, where he had laboured for more than twenty years. An extract minute of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa was read, containing the Reference, and appointing Professor Scrimger to state the same before the Assembly. Professor Scrimger was heard in support of the Reference, which was then received. The parties were called and appeared, namely :—Mr. Fenwick, for himself, and Mr. J. R. McLeod, for the Presbytery of Quebec. The papers were read, namely : extract minutes of the Presbytery of Quebec, containing a record of the deed appealed from ; the appeal of Mr. Fenwick, with reasons at length. Mr. Fenwick was heard in support of his appeal. Mr. J. R. McLeod was heard in support of the decision of the Presbytery of Quebec. Mr. Fenwick was heard in reply. Questions were asked of the parties and were answered. The parties were removed from the bar.

It was then moved by Dr. Macrae, seconded by Mr. E. D. Millar, and agreed to as follows :—The Assembly having heard the parties to the reference and appeal presented by the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, and the Presbytery of Quebec, and having carefully considered the same, Resolve,—

1. That they cannot but express their profoundest sympathy with the Rev. T. Fenwick, in the painful circumstances in which he is placed, from the peculiar character of the isolated field, in which he has laboured so faithfully and for a period so lengthened.

2. That at the same time, they see no course open, in view of the representations made alike by himself, and by the member appearing on behalf of the Presbytery, other than dismissing the appeal, and sustaining the action of the Presbytery, and accordingly declare this to be the judgment of the Court.

The parties were recalled and the decision was announced to them.