

THANKS TO THE RETIRING MODERATOR.

It was moved by Dr. Burns, seconded by Dr. Waters and passed unanimously, That the thanks of the General Assembly be tendered to the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, the Moderator of last Assembly, for the singular efficiency with which he had discharged all the duties of the office and for the excellent sermon preached by him this evening. The Moderator conveyed to Dr. Jenkins in suitable terms the thanks of the House.

REPLIES TO ADDRESSES.

Dr. Jenkins produced and laid on the table a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor-General, intimating that the Address of last Assembly to the Queen "had been duly laid before Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive it very graciously and was much gratified by the expressions which it contained of loyalty and attachment to Her Majesty's Throne and Person."

There was also produced a reply from His Excellency the Governor-General to the Address presented to him by last Assembly.

Dr. Jenkins intimated that, as Moderator for the year, he had, accompanied by a large number of Ministers and Elders, presented an Address of Welcome to His Excellency the Marquis of Lorne and H. R. H. the Princess Louise, on their arrival in the Dominion. Further, that, as Moderator of the Assembly, he had addressed a letter of sympathy to His Excellency and Her Royal Highness on the melancholy occasion of the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice. Copies of said Address and Letter and the replies thereto were laid on the table. The Moderator's action was approved.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

It was moved by Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Laing and passed unanimously, That the following members, in addition to the officials mentioned in Standing Order 2, constitute the Committee on Bills and Overtures and also on Business for the present Session, viz.:—Dr. Topp, Dr. Gregg, Dr. Waters, Professor Bryce, Professor Hart, Messrs. A. McLean Sinclair, William Moore, John Scrimger, John Thompson (Sarnia), Hector McQuarrie; Hon. Alexander Morris, Hon. Samuel Creelman, Messrs Robert Murray, A. C. Hutchison, J. B. Fairbairn, G. S. Hobart, James Hutchison, James Croil, W. T. Root, George Hay. The Committee was instructed to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning and thereafter from time to time by adjournment.

COMMITTEE ON COMMISSIONS.

The Assembly appointed a Committee, consisting of Mr. James Middlemiss (*Convener*), Dr. Patterson, Messrs. R. H. Warden, M. W. McLean; Thos. McCrre, R. McQueen, and John Montgomery, to examine Commissions and amend, if necessary, the Roll of Assembly, with instructions to report.

HOURS OF MEETING.

The Assembly resolved to adopt the following hours of meeting for the present Session, viz.: In the forenoon, with the exception of to-morrow, from ten o'clock until one; in the afternoon from three o'clock until half-past five; and in the evening from half-past seven o'clock until ten.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow forenoon at eleven o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.