

and for the manner in which he had performed the various duties devolving upon him as Moderator of Synod.

The roll was then called, and subsequently a report was read of demissions, translations, ordinations, inductions, &c., which had taken place during the year. There had been 12 demissions which, however, were far more than counterbalanced by 15 ordinations and 12 inductions. Two translations from one charge to another had taken place. Thirteen students had been licensed to preach the gospel. The Synod roll contains now 289 ministers, being an increase of 17 since last meeting of Synod. Of these there were present 171, besides 72 elders.

The next business was the appointment of a Moderator, when it appeared that every Presbytery had nominated the Rev. Alex. Topp, M. A., of Knox's Church, Toronto. Mr. Topp was accordingly, by acclamation, called to the chair, and on taking it addressed the Synod in appropriate and reasonable terms.

The report of the Business Committee having been presented, and several committees appointed for the examination of Presbytery and Synod Records, and for several other purposes, the first diet was closed. We notice, under separate heads, the business of importance transacted by the Synod at the various sederunts.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

The first part of the morning diet of Wednesday 10th was spent in devotional exercises, which were conducted by the Moderator and Dr. Thoruton, Messrs. McMullen, Roger and D. Gordon, with the singing of Psalms, and the reading of the Scriptures in the intervals. There were the usual devotional exercises, including praise, reading of the Scriptures and prayer at the commencement of every diet.

ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

On motion of Principal Willis, the Synod appointed a committee to draw up an address to Her Majesty the Queen, in reference to the late murderous attempt on the life of H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh in Australia, and expressive of the Synod's recognition of the good hand of God in the escape of the youthful Prince from instant death. The committee, consisting of Principal Willis, Professor Caven, and Mr. Proudfoot reported a draft of an address, which was adopted and ordered to be transmitted for presentation to Her Majesty.

LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

On the application of the Presbytery of Toronto, and the production of the necessary testimonials, the Synod granted leave to take on trials for public probationary trials the following students of Divinity: Messrs. J. P. Baikie, J. A. F. McBain, H. Currie, A. Milne, J. E. Croly, A. G. Forster, N. Clark, E. Reeve, W. Mitchell, J. Campbell, and J. Barron. The Synod also gave special permission to the Presbytery of London to license, if they see fit, Mr. D. B. Cameron.

On application made by sundry Presbyteries, and after careful examination into each case by a committee, the Synod granted leave to receive the following ministers from other Presbyteries, viz.: Mr. H. W. Hewde Bourck, Mr. J. L. Murray, Mr. H. Crozier, Mr. Furlong, Mr. D. Sutherland.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

The Report of the Home Mission Committee was called for on the evening of Wednesday 10th. It was given in and read by Mr. Laing, the Convener of the Committee. The report was of a very encouraging char-