

The Synod then proceeded to take up the business in the order recommended by the Committee.

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator nominated the following Committee to strike Standing Committees: Dr. Laing, convener; John Thomson (Ayr), Alexander Henderson, Dr. Battisby, Dr. Thompson, A. F. Tully, A. D. McDonald, A. R. Linton, ministers; D. D. Wilson, Thomas Gordon and Edward, Jonathan, elders.

BUXTON FUND.

The Clerk read the report of the Committee on the Buxton Fund, showing that the sum of \$231.23 had been received during the year and paid over to Mr. King. On motion of Dr. Cochrane, duly seconded, the report was received and adopted, thanks tendered to the convener and the committee, and the committee re-appointed for the following year. The committee is as follows: Dr. J. R. Battisby, convener, and Messrs. A. McColl and W. Walker, ministers; and Messrs. J. A. Taylor and R. Urquhart, elders.

DIVISION OF MISSION FIELD IN THE BRUCE PRESBYTERY.

There were read deliverances from the Presbyteries of Bruce and Maitland, anent dividing the mission field of the Presbytery of Bruce—the Maitland Presbytery renewing their application for a division of the mission field, and the Bruce Presbytery opposing it. Mr. Gourlay appeared for the Presbytery of Bruce. On motion of Dr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. J. S. Henderson, the whole matter was left over till next meeting of Synod.

OVERTURE ANENT EMPLOYMENT OF HOME MISSIONARIES.

There was read an overture signed by Dr. Laing and other members of the Home Mission Committee and Synod, requesting the Synod to forward it to the General Assembly for full consideration, in order that certain rules may be enacted for the employment of students in Home Mission fields.

Dr. Laing was heard in support of the overture. After discussion, on the motion of Dr. Laing, seconded by Mr. R. Hamiltou, the overture was received and adopted, and Dr. Thompson and Mr. Turnbull were appointed to support it before the General Assembly.

OVERTURE FROM STRATFORD PRESBYTERY, ANENT THE ENTERTAINMENT OF DELEGATES.

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