

It was moved and seconded that this suggestion be adopted.

It was moved in amendment, by Dr. Thornton, seconded by Motion.  
Mr. Torrance,—That the Synod, while approving generally of this suggestion, resolve to leave the questions which it involves, in the meantime, to the discretion of Presbyteries and the Mission Committee. On a vote being taken the amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Synod did and do decide in terms thereof. Decision.

The Report of the Committee further suggested the expediency of diminishing the number of the Presbyteries into which this Synod is distributed, so that each Presbytery may have a greater number of members, and that thus Synodical arrangements may be more efficiently carried out. Presby-  
teries, to  
diminish  
number of.

The Synod resolved that no action be taken on this suggestion in the meantime. Decision.

The last suggestion was to the effect that some law should be made applicable to the payment of Preachers by regular vacant Congregations, and that in all regularly congregated places \$4 be the minimum payment for each day's supply. Preachers,  
payments  
to.

On this suggestion, the Synod agreed to abide by its former law on the subject of the payment of Preachers. No change.

The Report as a whole, was adopted as amended.

Report as  
amended  
adopted.

The thanks of the Synod were then given to the Committee on Church Independence and Funds, for their great diligence in the matters intrusted to them

A Committee, consisting of the Rev Messrs. Barrie and Stevenson was appointed to draw up a minute expressive of the sense entertained by this Synod of the services rendered to the Church, and especially as Convener of the Church Independence Committee, by the late Rev. James Gibson, formerly of Owen Sound. Rev. J.  
Gibson.  
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frame  
minute.

Called for the Report of the Committee on Theological Education. The Report was read by Professor Taylor, the Convener. Theological  
Education,  
report of  
committee.