

McKinnon, Falconer, Alves, Law, T. Sedgwick, Nicholson and J. Forrest. At 9 o'clock the Synod resumed, and it was agreed to remain in session another half-hour, when Mr. Turnbull continued to occupy the chair. The Moderator resumed, when the following resolution, on motion of Dr. Bayne, was adopted: "That while approving in general of the statements made by the several speakers, as evincing gratifying evidence of the spiritual life of the Church, and while expressing gratitude to Almighty God for this most desirable result, the Synod would now enjoin upon Presbyteries to prepare reports of the spiritual condition of their respective districts, with a view to future Synodical conference."

Rev Mr. Sedgwick addressed the throne of grace, and after praise the Synod closed with the benediction.

### ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Place, June 29th, 10 o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met and was constituted. Read minutes. Agreed to proceed with the unfinished business.

The convener of the committee on the protest and appeal of Rev. J. D. Gordon, read the report of that committee which was unanimously received and adopted. The report is as follows:—

"The Committee to whom was submitted the affair of the *Curacao*, embracing the protest and appeal of the Rev. J. D. Gordon, having had intercourse with members of the Board of Foreign Missions, beg to submit the following resolution as embodying their views.

"In view of the distance which separates the Missionaries from the Synod, and the impossibility of getting at all the facts of what is known as the *Curacao* affair, and having read the appeal of Rev. J. D. Gordon, and heard the explanation of the Foreign Mission Board, REPORT, That regret is felt at the haste with which the minute of the Board anent the *Curacao* affair was drawn up and forwarded. They also sympathize with the Missionaries under the apparent wrong of being prejudged.

"In conclusion, they beg to express their entire confidence both in the Board and in their Missionaries.

"Your committee would also inform the Synod that the members of the Board present have expressed their concurrence with the above resolution, and therefore your committee feel warranted to conclude that the case has been disposed of in a way that will satisfy all parties.

"GEORGE CHRISTIE, Convener."

The Board was re-appointed.

On motion of Rev. James Waddell, it was agreed, "That a fraternal letter be addressed by the Board to the Synods of the Churches of Victoria and of New South Wales, expressive of our gratitude for the cordial and truly christian welcome given to our Missionaries, and for the valuable co-operation of the sister churches both in support of Missionaries and of the Mission vessel."

On motion of the Rev. R. Sedgwick, the following resolution passed unanimously, "That whereas Rev. Dr. Bayne has ceased to be Secretary of the Board, in consequence of the appointment by the church of a General Agent, whose office includes the Foreign Mission Secretaryship, the cordial thanks of the Synod be tendered to Dr. Bayne, for the efficient manner in which he, for fifteen years, discharged the onerous and responsible duties of the Secretaryship."

Resumed consideration of the resolution moved at last sederunt by Rev. A. Sutherland, and seconded by Rev. John Munro.