
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Moderator nominated the following as the Committee to bring in a report on the subject of public education to next meeting of Synod, namely: Mr. Lowry, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Straith, Mr. Wilkins, Dr. James and the Moderator, Ministers, and Messrs. Dr. Macdonald, John Montgomery and Wm. Webster, Elders. Dr. James, convener.

REFERENCE FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

The Synod next took up the reference from the Presbytery of Chatham regarding Mr. John McGregor, who had been for some time past preaching in Dawn, within the bounds of said Presbytery.

Extract minutes having been read, Mr. Gray and Mr. Battisby stated the reference.

Questions having been put and answered, and certain amendments made and lost, the Synod finally proceeded to vote on the following motion and amendment:

Moved by Mr. Lowry, seconded by Mr. McEwen, "The Synod, having heard the reference and deliberated thereon, agree to sustain the reference, to advise the Presbytery of Chatham to bring the matter regularly before the Presbytery of Guelph, to which the session of Knox Church, Galt, belongs, asking that Presbytery to deal with it according to the laws of the Church."

Moved in amendment by Mr. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. Straith, "Sustain the reference, appoint assessors to sit with the Presbytery of Chatham, and instruct them to hold a visitation of the congregation, and advise with the session and congregation of Dawn, with a view to the removal of the irregularities existing, and in the event of their efforts in this way proving ineffectual, recommend them to proceed further with the matter, in accordance with the laws of the church."

On a vote being taken, the amendment of Mr. Wilkins was carried over the original motion of Mr. Lowry, and became the judgment of the Synod.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Clerk, in the absence of Mr. Sieveright, Convener of the Committee on Temperance, read the report.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. James, the Synod received and adopted the report, and tendered thanks to the committee, and especially the convener, for their diligence.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet again at 7.30 p. m., and the Moderator pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, Saint Catharines, the fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty years, 7.30 p.m.

The Synod again met and was duly constituted by the Moderator, Mr. R. J. Laidlaw, engaging in prayer.