

The minutes of the second sederunt were read and sustained.

The Synod resumed consideration of the case of Mr. W. Chisholm.

On parties being cited, Mr Chisholm compeared for himself; and for the Presbytery of Toronto the moderator, Mr. W. Meikle; at his request, Mr. J. Dick was appointed to act for Dr. A. Topp, the other commissioner for the Presbytery.

Mr. W. Chisholm was heard at length. The commissioners of Presbytery were also heard. Questions were put and answered.

In the course of deliberating thereon, the moderator, Mr. J. Paterson, left the chair, which was taken by Dr. Thornton.

After reasoning, it was moved and seconded, that the Dissent and Appeal of Mr. W. Chisholm be dismissed, the finding of the Presbytery sustained, and all parties counselled to exercise mutual forbearance.

It was moved in amendment and duly seconded, that the finding of the Presbytery of Toronto be sustained and that the complaints of Mr. Chisholm be sent to the Session of the Milton and Boston Church congregations, *de novo*.

On the vote being taken, the motion was carried, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

Mr. Meikle, in behalf of the Presbytery of Toronto, and Mr. Chisholm for himself, respectively craved extracts, which were ordered to be granted as asked for.

The Synod proceeded to deliberate on the time for holding next meeting.

After reasoning, it was moved and seconded, that the next meeting of Synod be held on the first Tuesday of March, 1874, at half past seven o'clock, p.m.

It was moved in amendment, and seconded, that the next meeting of Synod be held on the first Tuesday of May, 1874, at half past seven o'clock, p.m.

It was moved in further amendment and seconded—That the next meeting of Synod be held on the Tuesday preceding the first Wednesday of April, at half-past 7 o'clock, p.m.

On the vote being taken, the last amendment was carried by a majority of votes, and the Synod decided accordingly, with the rider added thereto, that the place of meeting be Gould Street Church, Toronto.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, the Presbyteries of Cobourg and Ontario were permitted to expunge certain paragraphs of their records.

There were submitted two Overtures from the Presbytery of Ontario, the one anent encouraging the pupils attending the Sabbath schools of our Church to form total abstinence organizations, and the other, anent recommending to the General Assembly to enjoin upon church members the practice of total abstinence as a Christian duty.

Dr. Thornton and Mr. J. Smith were heard in support of both overtures.

The following deliverance was agreed to:—That the Overtures from the Presbytery of Ontario anent total abstinence be transmitted to be General Assembly, and that their adoption by the Supreme Court be recommended, and that Messrs. Dr. Thornton, John Smith, J. B. Edmondson, and the mover, Mr. R. Rodgers, be appointed to support said overtures before the Assembly.

In connection with the foregoing subject, the following motion was adopted: That a committee consisting of Messrs. J. Smith, R. Rodgers, J. Douglas and Thos. McKee, ministers; and Messrs. J. Ratcliffe and A. Gordon, elders, be appointed to draft a memorial from this Synod to the Governor-General of the Dominion, and the Houses of Parliament at Ottawa, asking for the enactment of a law prohibiting the sale and manufacture of spirituous liquors within the Dominion of Canada.

The meeting was closed with the benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

The meeting was opened at half-past 7 o'clock, p.m., prayer being offered by Mr. W. Donald.

The minutes of the third sederunt were read and sustained.