

On the call of the Moderator, the Rev. Frederick P. Sim conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod, in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

Sederunt as before.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and sustained.

The Synod agreed to continue, for the present year, the suspension of the Act anent the training of Licentiates for the Pastoral work,—and instructed those Presbyteries, within whose bounds there are Students who have been permitted to be taken on trials for license, to meet as soon as possible, for the purpose of taking said Students of Divinity on trials for license, at such time and place as they may deem convenient.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to draft an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, when the Committee gave in a Draft, which was read, and, having been fully considered and adopted, was ordered to be engrossed for the Moderator's signature.

There was also given in and read a Draft of an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, which, having been considered and adopted, was ordered to be engrossed for the Moderator's Signature.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to attend to the interests of this Church in regard to the Clergy Reserves, and take whatever steps may appear to them to be necessary towards the protection of the same, and in particular to watch over the progress of legislation thereanent; to call the attention of Presbyteries and Congregations to what may be the proper course of action as indicated by circumstances; and, if necessary, to take steps to be heard at the Bar of the Houses of Parliament; viz., Dr. Cook, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. McGill, Mr. Urquhart, Ministers; Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Alexander Morris, and Mr. Thomas A. Gibson, Elders; and the Hon. Wm. Morris, and Hugh Allan, Esq., were requested to act as members of this Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, anent the Status of retired Ministers, which was given in and read by Mr. McGill, the Convener, and duly considered, and on the recommendation of the Committee, the Synod adopted the following as an Interim Act, and ordered the same to be transmitted to Presbyteries, that they may send up their opinions thereon to the next meeting of this Synod,—which they are hereby strictly enjoined to do. "The Synod, having fully considered the Overture anent the status of retired Ministers, decree that, agreeably to the views of this Church respecting the permanency of the Pastoral relation, when a Minister becomes unfit, through age