

Report on Sabbath observance.

The Synod then called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. The same was given in by Rev. R. F. Burns and read. The report stated the action taken since last Synod, and the various encouragements and discouragements connected with the Sabbath question, and contained several recommendations.

It was moved, seconded, and agreed

Deliverance of Synod.

"That the Report be received, and the Committee be re-appointed and instructed to renew their exertions in behalf of the sanctification of the Lord's day, and that special attention be paid in their treatment of this great question to the growing sin of Sabbath desecration by the Railroad Companies of the Province."

Committee re-appointed.

The Sabbath Observance Committee was re-appointed as follows, viz., Rev. R. F. Burns, Convener, Messrs. Gordon, Lowry, Reid, Gregg, Inglis, Drs. Burns, Willis, and Irvine, Ministers; and Messrs. Stewart, Redpath, Robertson, and McMurrich, Elders.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning, and the Diet was closed with prayer.

SIXTEENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 16th June, 9½ o'clock, A.M.

The Synod again met, and was constituted with prayer and praise, and the reading of the Word.

A Report was given in by the Committee on Bills and Overtures, with arrangement of business still unfinished. The same was received and approved.

The Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa reported to the Synod that the congregation of Brockville had, at a congregational meeting, agreed to acquiesce in the decision of the Synod, with reference to the employment of instrumental music in the public worship of God. The Synod heard the Report with satisfaction.

Address to Her Majesty the Queen.

The Committee appointed to draft an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, reported draft of Address. The same was read, amended, and approved, and ordered to be written out, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk of Synod, in order to be transmitted to Her Majesty. The Address is in the following terms, viz.:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

"We the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in Synod assembled, beg leave to present to your Majesty the assurance of our most dutiful and loyal attachment to Your Majesty's person and Government. More especially we beg to congratulate Your Majesty, and Your Majesty's Royal Consort, on