

parties in the case by members of the Synod, the Moderator declared all parties removed from the bar of the Synod, when it was agreed, on motion of Mr. McRae, seconded by Mr. Murray, that the case be remitted to a Committee to be named by the Moderator. The Moderator appointed the following Committee, viz :—Messrs. Pitblado, Rowand, J. A. F. Sutherland, J. E. Munro, Carmichael, John Paterson, R. H. Ferguson, R. Crawford and A. B. Bompas. It was further agreed that the Committee have leave to retire and take the matter into consideration.

Dr. Duval submitted the report on Church Life and Work, after which the Synod adjourned to meet at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

At the same place as above the Synod met pursuant to adjournment and after praise was constituted by prayer, by Mr. Bompas, at the request of the Moderator.

The minutes of the preceding sederunt were read and sustained.

The report of the Committee on arrears appointed at last Synod was presented by Mr. Farquharson, received and considered. The recommendations were taken up seriatim and, after the second clause was amended, the report was adopted as a whole, as follows :—

1. That congregations and mission fields that are falling into arrears of stipend be instructed to report the same to the Presbytery of the bounds, and further that it be understood that the Presbytery will not be expected to take any action with regard to such arrears, if not reported within a year after the date at which they became due.

2. That as soon as a congregation or mission field is reported to be in arrears the Presbytery should enquire into the same, and that if it be found that the missionary has done his duty and that the congregation or mission station has done its duty, the Home Mission Committee be instructed to consider the case with a view to make up the whole or a part of the arrears.

3. That when it is found that a congregation or mission field is not meeting its financial obligation some readjustment should at once be made so as to prevent the accumulation of arrears.