

hear the Directors at the opening of the afternoon Sederunt; but resolved that any discussion on their memorial must be deferred to a future Sederunt.

CHANGES IN PRESBYTERIES.

The Assembly took up consideration of the proposal to establish a new Presbytery to be called the Presbytery of Maitland, which had been submitted to last General Assembly. Extract Minutes of the Presbyteries of Huron, Bruce and Stratford on this matter, sent up in accordance with the instructions of the Assembly, were read. The Clerk of the Presbytery of Saugeen, with the permission of the Assembly, verbally stated the finding of that Presbytery on the subject. It was moved by Dr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Straith and carried, That these extract minutes and all the other papers in regard to the proposed erection of this new Presbytery be referred to a Committee to consider and report on the same.

The Assembly next took up consideration of petitions for transference affecting the following congregations, viz.:—1st. The congregation of West Brant, from the Presbytery of Saugeen, to the Presbytery of Bruce, with a view to its amalgamation with the congregation of Pinkerton; 2nd. Embro', from the Presbytery of London to that of Paris; 3rd. Palmerston, from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew to that of Kingston. On motion to that effect, the Assembly agreed to refer these petitions for transference to the Committee, to be appointed with regard to the proposed new Presbytery of Maitland.

The Moderator nominated the following Committee for the above purpose,—Mr. R. Campbell (Montreal), *Convener*, Messrs. N. McKinnon, Jos. Alexander, D. Smyth, G. Burson, A. McIntosh, M. W. McLean, W. T. McMullen; Capt. Taylor, Messrs. Thos. McCrae, A. D. McLeod, A. Beith, Thos. Gordon, R. J. Hunter.

REGISTRATION ACT.

The Clerk produced and read an Extract Minute of the Synod of Hamilton and London, anent Section 8 of an Act of the Ontario Legislature, passed in 1875, providing for the registration of births, marriages and deaths, which enacts "That every Minister or other person who shall bury or perform any funeral or religious service for the burial of any dead body, unless he has received a certificate under the hand of the Registrar of the division in which the death took place that the particulars of such death have been duly registered, shall make a return of such death to the Registrar for the division in which the death took place within seven days after such burial," and also Section 22 further providing that "if any clergyman or other person required by this Act to report deaths refuses or wilfully neglects to do so within the time named, such person shall for each and every offence, forfeit and pay a sum of not less than one dollar nor more than twenty dollars and costs." Said extract further intimated that the Synod had resolved to appoint a deputation to wait on the Government of Ontario for the purpose of expressing dissatisfaction with the aforesaid clauses and craving their repeal. Resolutions similar to the above had also been adopted by the Synod of Toronto and Kingston. It was moved by Dr. Caven, seconded by Dr. Jenkins and carried unanimously, The General Assembly approve of the action taken by the Synods of Hamilton and London and Toronto and Kingston respecting the part of the Registration Act relating to burials, and desire to support by this expression of their opinion the action which will yet be taken in accordance with the resolutions of these Synods.

ROMAN CATHOLIC ORDINATION.

The Assembly took up the report on Roman Catholic Ordination, laid over from last Assembly. Said report was held as read. Mr. Laing was heard in support of the same. Further consideration of the report was deferred to a future Sederunt.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in this place this afternoon at three o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.