

The Moderator was requested to appoint the committee provided for in Mr. Bruce's resolution.

MARRIAGE—DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee appointed last year, to examine the Scriptural authority upon which marriage with a deceased wife's sister is condemned, and to examine and report on what course should be taken in regard to marriages already contracted within the prohibited degrees. Dr. Laing, the Convener of the committee, presented the Report, in printed form, and dwelt at length on the main points contained therein, explaining at large the course taken by the committee in investigating the subject remitted to them by the Assembly of last year, and closing with the reading of certain recommendations of the Report offered for the acceptance of the Assembly.

The Report was received.

Dr. Laing then moved, seconded by Dr. Proudfoot :—That the recommendations of the Report be adopted.

While this subject was under consideration, and no decision reached, the hour of adjournment arrived. A motion was made by Dr. Jardine, that the Assembly sit for some time and continue the discussion. The motion was negatived, and the Assembly adjourned, to meet again at ten o'clock to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was given, and the Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

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EIGHTEENTH SEDERUNT.

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*At the City of Toronto, and within St. James' Square Church there, Thursday, the twelfth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four years, at ten o'clock in the forenoon :—*

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Principal McKnight, at the Moderator's request, offering prayer. The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the subject of marriage with a deceased wife's sister, as presented in the Report submitted last night, Dr. Gregg being in possession of the floor. Dr. Gregg pursued his argument to a close. It was then moved by Mr. Thomas Sedgwick, in amendment to Dr. Laing's motion for the adoption of the recommendations of the Report, seconded by Mr. L. G. MacNeill, as follows :—That the Assembly, without committing itself to the conclusions of the Report, send it down to Presbyteries for their consideration, with instructions to report to next Assembly. Dr. Laing accepted the amendment of Mr. Sedgwick, and a vote being taken the motion as thus amended was carried, and the Assembly decreed accordingly, and ordered the report to be sent down to Presbyteries for their consideration, to report to next Assembly.

It was then moved by Dr. Laing, and duly seconded :—That the recommendation of the Report to inform the Presbyterian Churches in England, Scotland and Ireland, of what is being done by this Church in this matter be adopted. A vote being taken the Assembly decided that this recommendation be not adopted.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Assembly adjourned to meet again at half-past two o'clock, which was intimated publicly by the Moderator, and the Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.