

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Mr. Gordon, That in the view of the Synod it is premature to overture the Assembly to appoint an agent.

The Synod adjourned at one and met again at three.

A committee was appointed to examine and report upon the Treasurer's books.

The Synod then proceeded to consider the time and place of the next meeting and decided to meet in Stratford on the first Tuesday of May, 1873.

The Synod resumed consideration of the overture, referring to the appointment of a general mission agent. A considerable number of the members took part in the discussion. The debate being closed the vote was taken when the Synod decided not to adopt and transmit the overture, by a vote of 41 to 35.

The committee appointed to examine the treasurer's books reported that they found the same correctly and carefully kept. Whereupon the Synod decided that the book be attested as carefully and correctly kept, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the treasurer for the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties, and that the same rate of contribution be continued for the present as for the past year.

Took up and considered a communication from the Committee on Evangelistic Work.

The Synod adjourned at six and met in the evening at half past seven o'clock.

Resumed consideration of the recommendations of the Assembly's Committee on Evangelistic Work. The recommendations were that a committee to take charge of evangelistic work should be appointed by the Synod and that ministers and congregations who desired to give or receive aid in such work should correspond with the committee. After a lengthened consideration of the matter the Synod on motion of Dr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Goldsmith, agreed to the following finding: The Synod having fully considered the communication from the Assembly's Committee on Evangelistic Work, desires to express its approval generally of the object contemplated in the suggestions of the committee, but the Synod feels that action of the kind contemplated should be general, and carried on under the instructions of the General Assembly, and therefore postpones the consideration of the subject until the next meeting of the Synod.

Reports were received on the state of religion from all the Presbyteries within the Synod. It was agreed to transmit the report to the convener of the Assembly's Committee on the State of Religion.

The Synod then engaged in a conference on the state of religion. While the conference was in progress the hour of adjournment arrived. When the Synod met on the following day the subject was resumed. After a lengthened and profitable conference the Synod agreed upon the following finding: The Synod having held a conference on the state of religion finds as follows: 1st That there is much cause of thankfulness for the progress which is manifestly being made in the spiritual life of the congregations under the care of the Synod. 2nd.—The Synod enjoins upon sessions the diligent use of all legitimate means for quickening and maintaining the spiritual life of the congregations under their charge.

An extract minute of the Commission of the General Assembly in the Lucknow case was read. The commission had been appointed to deal with the case and issue the same. This was an appeal of the Presbytery of Huron from a decision of the Synod of London of last year.

The Synod proceeded to consider the best means of making the meetings of the Synod profitable to the church. It was agreed that the Moderator, the Ex-Moderator, the Clerk of Synod and Clerks of Presbyteries, be appointed a committee to consider the subject and to report at the next meeting of Synod.

Read an overture signed by R. H. Warden and others anent the method of electing the Moderator of General Assembly. The prayer of the overture was to the effect that the moderators should be elected without any previous nomination by Presbyteries.