

ROLL.

At the close of the service, Dr. Willis constituted the Assembly with prayer in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Assembly Roll being called, it was found that most of the Ministers and a large number of the Elders, who had been commissioned by the eighteen presbyteries of the Church, were present. The great distance of the place of meeting from their homes, doubtless tended to diminish the attendance of Elders' Commissioners from the extreme west.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

A list of nominations to the office of Moderator by the various Presbyteries was read, including the names of Messrs. McPherson, of Stratford, Scott, of London, Fraser, of Bond Head, Smellie, of Fergus, and Professors Young and Caven. Of these, Prof. Caven and Mr. Fraser asked leave to withdraw, and Prof. Young and Mr. Smellie were absent. The vote being taken between the remaining nominees, Mr. John Scott, of St. Andrew's Church, London, was elected by a majority, and the yeas and nays being taken, the vote was made unanimous. Mr. Scott then took the chair, and briefly addressed the Assembly. Dr. Willis, the retiring Moderator, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and the thanks of the Court were given to him for the diligence and ability with which he presided at last meeting of Assembly, and his great kindness and love evinced in coming from Britain to meet the Assembly on this occasion, and also for the excellent and suitable discourse which he has now delivered.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES.

The statement of the Clerks of Assembly showed that during the past year three ministers, Messrs. Thomas Christie, of Flamborough, Thomas Wightman, of Innisfil, and James Duncan, of Bayfield, had been removed by death; that one minister, Mr. Duncan McDiarmid, of Woodstock, had been deposed from the ministry, and one, Mr. C. Windel, of Cartwright, had been declared no longer a minister or a member of the Canada Presbyterian Church; that 22 demissions, 17 inductions, 13 ordinations and 10 translations had taken place. It also set forth that, pursuant to Act of General Assembly of last year, four ministers, Messrs. John Black, of Kildonan, Red River, James Nisbet, of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, John McNab, of Red River, and William Fletcher, of Little Britain, Red River, had been transferred from the Presbyteries of Toronto, Huron and London respectively, to the newly constituted Presbytery of Manitoba. The following ministers of other Churches had been received as ministers of the Canadian Presbyterian Church;—Mr. Thomas Goldsmith, of the New Connexion Methodist Church; Mr. Samuel Fenton, of the Congregational Church; Messrs. William Hancock and John Andrew McDonald, of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and Mr. D. Coussirat, A.M., B.D., of the French Reformed Church. Eight students, also, had been licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbyteries of Kingston, Ottawa, Toronto, Simcoe, London and Chatham, namely, Messrs. Thomas Ritchie, H. J. McDermid, William A. McKay, James Breckenridge, George Burnfield, B.A., Peter Wright, John Baikie and John Gray. During the year fifteen congregations had been erected or newly organized; one, that of Fish Creek, in the Presbytery of Stratford, dissolved; and one mission station established in the Presbytery of Simcoe.

REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY'S BUSINESS COMMITTEE..

In accordance with the recommendations of this Report, several Committees were appointed: for examining the Records of the Assembly and of the District Synods; on the Commissions of Ministers and Elders; on Returns to Remits sent down to Presbyteries; on the Reception of Ministers from other Churches; on the Applications of Presbyteries to take students on trial for license; on Correspondence and Corresponding Members, reception of Delegates, &c. The Diets