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Dr. Willis, on behalf of the Committee on Baptism, submitted a draft, containing statements of principles and directions in regard to the administration of that ordinance: when, after consideration of the same, the following deliverance was adopted:—

The Synod sustain the draft on Baptism—appoint it to be printed in the *Record*, with a view to its wide circulation, and enjoin ministers and missionaries to read it to their congregations on some early Sabbath, after divine service—and enjoin further, that Ministers and Sessions attend to its recommendations, as far as may be practicable.

The Report of the Committee on the Book of Discipline was received and sustained, and after deliberation, the Synod agreed

That the Committee be re-appointed, that they should meet at an early day and agree on a plan of a Book, and distribute the different sections or parts of it amongst themselves, or allot them to other members of the Synod, that they may be filled up, and the whole combined into one book, for being submitted to the next meeting of Synod.

The Synod was closed with the blessing.

SESSION XIV.

TORONTO,

Wednesday, 12th June, 1850, Ten o'clock, A.M.

The Synod, after engaging in Devotional Exercises, was constituted for business.

The minutes of the former Session were read and sustained.

A motion being made, and seconded, that the Commission of Visitation to the Congregation of Caledonia, be enlarged by the addition of the names of Mr. Gordon, minister; Mr. Heron, Mr. Barclay, elders, it was decided that such addition should not be made—thirty-one voting against the addition, seven voting for it, and four not voting.

The Synod had lengthened Conference on the subjects of Union and the Standards, when it was moved by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Dr. Burns,

That the Synod considering that great diversity of views exists among the office-bearers and members of this Church, respecting the true meaning of certain passages in the Confession of Faith, bearing on the Powers of the Civil Magistrate; and more particularly of chapters xx. and xxiii, sec. 3; considering that such diversity has of late been creating difficulties in the way of Office-bearers, Candidates for License, and Probationers for Ordination, signing our Formula in as far as it relates to this particular subject; considering that the continuance of this state of things has a tendency to endanger the internal union of our Church, to deprive it of the benefit of the labours of many pious and gifted persons, who are deeply attached to all the essential principles of our Church and its Standards, and also to prevent and impede the progress of the Church in this country; the Synod do