

COMMISSIONS—REPORT ON.

The Recording Clerk read a Report in reference to the Commissions which had come into his hands, stating that in one Presbytery, one of the Commissioners had been appointed in place of another recently deceased, less than thirty days before this meeting of the Assembly; that in another a Commissioner had been appointed in place of another, recently deceased, less than thirty days before this Meeting, and at a meeting of Presbytery held by permission of Synod; that one Presbytery had transmitted a Commission to an elder, as alternate to another elder whose name stood on the general Commission; that in another Presbytery the name of a Minister was entered as alternate for another standing first on the list; that the Commission from one Presbytery bore the names of three Ministers and four elders; and that from another, while the names of four Commissioners had been forwarded in an extract from the minutes, a regular Commission had been received for one only of said Commissioners.

On motion it was agreed that the Report on Commissions be received, and that said Report and all matters relating to Commissions to this Assembly be referred to a Committee on this subject, to be hereafter appointed.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of a Moderator. The list of nominations by the several Presbyteries was read, embracing the names of Dr. Taylor, of Montreal; Mr. Thomas McPherson, of Stratford; Mr. Alex. A. Drummond, of Shakespeare; Mr. Wm. McLaren, of Ottawa, Professor Inglis; Mr. Wm. Reid, the General Agent of the Church; and Mr. Wm. Fraser, of Bondhead, Joint Clerk of the General Assembly. Messrs. Drummond and Reid asked and obtained leave to have their names withdrawn. Dr. Taylor, Professor Inglis, and Mr. McLaren, not being present, and Mr. McPherson, not being appointed a Commissioner by his own Presbytery, were not retained in nomination. Mr. Fraser alone remaining on the list, a vote was taken when he was unanimously chosen Moderator, and thereupon took the chair and addressed the Assembly.

On motion of Dr. Burns, the thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the retiring Moderator for the able manner in which he presided at the meetings of last year, and for the excellent and appropriate sermon delivered by him this evening.

On motion, duly seconded, Mr. Wm. Cochrane, of Brantford, was elected Recording Clerk, *pro tempore*.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES.

There was submitted a Summary Statement of the changes affecting the Rolls of the District Synods, and of the Presbytery of Manitoba, and also the list of Probationers, which had occurred since the meeting of the General Assembly last year.

On motion, the said statement was held as read, was ordered to be engrossed in the Minutes, and is as follows:—

DEATH OF MINISTERS.

The following ministers were removed by death, namely:— Two deaths.