

SESSION III.

THURSDAY, 3rd June—3 P.M.

The Synod met and was constituted with prayer.

Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures read:

In conformity with the recommendation of that Committee, it was agreed that the arrangement for business shall be as follows: The Synod to meet every morning at 9 o'clock; to spend an hour in devotional exercises; to meet at 10 for business and close at 1 P.M.; to meet at 3 P.M. and close at 6; and to meet in the evening at 7 or 7½, as circumstances may require, it being understood that at the forenoon meeting the Synod may sit in Committee or Committees, and that in the evening matters more generally interesting to the Christian community shall be taken up.

The Committee on arranging for Ministers to preach in Kingston and neighbouring places on Sabbath next reported, and the Report was received and adopted.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee for preparing a letter to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland; it was reported that the letter had not yet been prepared.

The Synod appointed that a draft of such letter shall be prepared during the sessions of the Synod;—Mr. Bayne, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Reid, Ministers; Mr. Steen, Elder; to be a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. Bayne reported that he had not been able to prepare the Pastoral Letter.

Mr. Gale, in behalf of the Committee on the Model Trust Deed, reported that the copy of a Model Trust Deed was still in the hands of legal Counsel, to whom it had been referred.

The Synod reappointed the Committee, with instructions to hasten the finishing of the draft and issuing the same.

Mr. Smellie, in behalf of the Committee on a scheme of a Widows' fund. Widow's Fund, reported progress. The Committee were instructed to report before the rising of the Synod, and Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Reid, Mr. Lochead, Ministers; Mr. McAlister,