

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.—Continued.

3. Report of Committee on Temperance.
4. Overture from the Presbytery of Paris, anent payment of Assembly Commissioners.
5. Overture from the Presbytery of Stratford, anent the method of appointing Standing Committees.
6. That the Reports of the Committees on the State of Religion, and Sabbath Schools, be received in the evening.
7. The Committee recommend that the name of Mr. D. Allan, which is on the roll of the Stratford Presbytery as a minister, retired, with the leave of the General Assembly, and which is also appended to the roll of the Huron Presbytery as a retired minister within the bounds, be removed from the roll of the latter Presbytery.

COMMISSIONS OF ELDERS.

Mr. Laing on behalf of the Committee on the Commissions of Elders gave in a report, recommending that the name of Mr. James B. Smith, of Norwich, be added to the roll of Synod. The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

The Synod then proceeded to consider the overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton regarding education. The overture having been read, Dr. James and Mr. Alexander Grant were heard in its support.

After lengthened discussion, it was moved by Mr. D. D. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Chrystal, that Dr. James, Mr. Alex. Grant and Dr. McDonald be a committee to draw up a deliverance for the Synod, with regard to the overture from the Hamilton Presbytery, and report to a future sederunt of the Synod.

It was moved by Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. R. Hamilton, that a committee of Synod be appointed to take the whole question of public education, as brought forward in the overture, into serious consideration during the year, with liberty to confer with the Minister of Education if necessary, and report fully to next Synod, with a view that definite action may then be taken in the important matter.

On the vote being taken the amendment of Dr. Cochrane was carried by a very large majority over the motion of Mr. McLeod, and the Synod decided accordingly in terms thereof.

From this judgment Mr. W. Robertson craved leave to enter his dissent. The Synod then adjourned to meet again at 2.30 p.m., the Moderator pro nouncing the Benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, Saint Catharines, the fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty years, 2.30 p.m.

The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, Dr. Bell, Moderator, and was duly constituted; Mr. Black engaging in prayer at the Moderator's request. The minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained;

COMMISSIONS OF ELDERS.

The Committee on Commissions of Elders gave in a second report, recommending that the name of Mr. James Bell be entered in the roll of Synod, instead of that of Mr. Roderick Campbell.

The report was received and adopted.