

## SECOND SEDERUNT.

*Same Place, Oct. 6th, 10 o'clock, a. m.*

The Synod met and was constituted by the Moderator, after which a short time was spent in devotional exercises, when Dr. Brooke led in prayer.

The minutes of last Sederunt, as also those of the meeting held in Montreal, were read and approved.

Letters were read from Mr. DeBlois, of the Merchant's Reading Room, and Mr. George A. Henderson, Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, offering the use of their rooms, &c. to the members of Synod during the present meeting. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge these courtesies.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures submitted an interim report, recommending that the hours of business be from 10 o'clock, a. m. each day till 1 o'clock, p. m., from 3 to 6 p. m., and from 7½ *ad libitum*, and setting forth subjects to be brought before Synod. The report was received and adopted.

Took up a reference from the Halifax Presbytery anent the application of the Rev. J. R. Kean, of the Congregational body, to be received as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. On motion of Rev. N. McKay, seconded by Dr. McCulloch, it was agreed to appoint a committee to examine Mr. Kean's testimonials, and also consider the course that should be adopted in regard to this and similar applications, and report at a future sederunt. The Revds. G. M. Grant, Dr. McCulloch, J. McKinnon, Prof. McKnight and Dr. Patterson, ministers, and Mr. J. K. Blair, elder, were appointed said Committee.

A letter was read from the Rev. A. Ross, of Harbor Grace, stating that on account of the absence from home of certain brethren of Newfoundland, it was found impossible to carry out the appointment of Synod for the organization of the Presbytery of Newfoundland. It was agreed to instruct Mr. Ross, of Harbor Grace, to summon the brethren of Newfoundland for the organization of the Presbytery at as early a day as may be found convenient.

Rev. P. G. McGregor, the Secretary of the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, gave a brief statement of Home Mission work during the last few months, and submitted the following reference from that Committee: "The attention of the Board having been called to the plan of procedure in the two Churches in the Maritime Provinces, now happily united, in the management of Home Mission work, and the granting of supplements to weak congregations, it was agreed unanimously to ask the Synod for the appointment of a Committee representing both Bodies, and both departments of the Home Mission work, viz.: Home Mission proper, and Supplementing proper, to prepare and report a plan by which unity of action may be obtained in both of these departments of Home Mission work, and report to Synod."

The reference was sustained and the Assembly's Committee on Home Missions and Supplements in the Maritime Provinces were appointed a committee in terms of the reference—Rev. T. Sedgwick, Convener.