

After the services, when the roll had been called, the Rev. W. T. McMullen thanked the Synod for having been chosen their Moderator one year since, announced that his term of office had expired, and that he awaited the appointment of his successor.

On motion of the Clerk, seconded by Rev. Geo. Burson, of St. Catharines, Rev. Simon C. Fraser, of Thorold, was duly chosen as Moderator for the year 1872. He returned thanks for the honour.

A number of committees were then appointed, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet again next morning.

Upon resuming, on Wednesday, after devotional services, the attention of the Synod having been called to the painful tidings which had reached the city that, by an extensive conflagration, a large part of the town of Ingersoll had been laid in ashes, the Rev. R. N. Grant, who had just entered the Court, was, at the call of several members requested by the Moderator to come to the platform and state the circumstances. A feeling of profound sympathy pervaded the Synod as Mr. Grant gave his statement of the calamity he had witnessed only a few hours ago, including loss of life as well as such extensive loss of property.

Special prayer was offered up in behalf of the afflicted sufferers, and a committee was appointed to prepare a suitable motion of sympathy recommending to the churches throughout the bounds of the Synod, and to the community generally, the adoption of early and practical measures of assistance.

An overture was submitted by the Rev. Mr. McBain, of Drummondville, praying the Synod to overture the General Assembly to provide a suitable collection of Hymns for use in public worship. The prayer of the overture was granted, and the document itself was adopted as the Synod's overture to the Assembly.

Another overture by the Rev. A. B. Simpson was brought up for discussion, asking the General Assembly to change the constitution of the church in references to the Synods, with the view of investing the latter with more extensive powers.

A lengthened conference was held on the state of religion. The committee were re-appointed, Rev. T. Lowry, of Brantford, convener; and power was given to them to send deputations of ministers to hold special religious services in any of the congregations or stations throughout the bounds, where in the judgment of the committee it may be deemed expedient.

On proceeding to appoint the place of next meeting, both Guelph and Brantford were proposed. On the vote being taken a considerable majority voted for Brantford.

After some further routine business the Court adjourned, the Moderator pronouncing the Apostolic benediction.

SYNOD OF LONDON.—This Synod met at London in the first Presbyterian Church, on the evening of Tuesday, May 7th. The Rev. John Ross, of Brucefield, Moderator, preached a suitable and earnest discourse from Acts, IX: 15, 16. On the roll being called, 47 Ministers and 19 Elders answered to their names.

Dr. Proudfoot was then elected Moderator. A cordial vote of thanks was then, on motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, given to the retiring Moderator.

The first hour of the meeting on Wednesday was spent in devotional exercises, in which Messrs. Gordon, Hall and Goldsmith took part.

There was read an overture anent the formation of a new Presbytery in the county of Bruce, which it was agreed should be transmitted to the General Assembly.

The Synod then proceeded to consider an overture regarding the appointment of a General Mission agent.

Dr. Waters moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, That the Synod recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of a mission agent, who shall take the general supervision of the mission work of the church, and whose whole time shall be given to the discharge of the duties connected therewith.