

Rev. Dr. Ross's case was taken up, and after lengthened discussion the Synod agreed to reverse the action of last year and give Dr. Ross a retiring allowance of \$1000 from the funds of the church, which, with \$200 from Dalhousie College will make \$1200 per annum.

Dr. Patterson submitted the report on the Widow's and Orphan's Fund showing since last report, Receipts \$2833.09, Expenditure \$523.07 leaving a balance of \$2310.02 to be added to the Capital Account. The Report was received and approved.

Leave was granted to Rev. E. Ross to withdraw his complaint against the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund.

The first business of the evening was consideration of the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

which was read by Rev. Neil McKay of Chatham. The recommendations of the report were as follows:

1. That the Synod believes the traffic in liquor is an evil which every Christian community ought to disapprove and suppress.

2. That this evil can only be suppressed by the co-operation of suitable moral influences and effective legal enactments.

3. That the synod disapproves of the action of the Senate of Canada with reference to the Canada Temperance Act.

4. That the synod approves of the action of the people in standing by the act as the best legislative means at present available of grappling with the evil of intemperance, but at the same time encourages them to avail themselves of every constitutional means to obtain advanced legislation in the direction of complete prohibition.

5. That the arrangements by which the quantity of liquor that may be imported into Scott Act counties has been reduced from 40 gallons to 10 is strongly disapproved and condemned by this synod.

6. That in the judgement of the synod all professing Christians should be total abstainers from intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

After full discussion the report was received and its recommendations heartily adopted.

Rev. Hogg of Moncton read the Report of the committee on

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The report urged the necessity of having reports from all the Schools, of holding weekly teacher's meetings, of having the

Schools open the entire year, and that Sabbath Schools be urged to contribute to the Mission Fund.

After several members had spoken the report was received and adopted.

Rev. J. D. McIlivray submitted the report of the Committee on

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

The report referred to the various forms of Sabbath desecration, particularly that of running Sabbath trains and the opening of the Halifax Post Office for some time on the Sabbath. In the discussion which followed points of importance were brought out, one of which was the necessity of co-operation on the part of the different denominations for the suppression of Sabbath trains.

The matter of a Summer Session which had been deterred from a previous sitting was resumed. Several members spoke upon the matter when the following resolution was agreed to:

That in the interests of the home mission work, it is desirable to examine fully the matter of a summer session at Halifax and with a view to this, recommend the board to communicate with the College authorities and Home Mission board in the West as to the likelihood of securing a good number of students.

The applications which has been made by Presbyteries for leave to license students were granted.

Rev. N. McKay read a report from the Alumni Association, urging more hearty support to our College at Pine Hill.

Friday.

The Committee on Obituaries submitted their report which contained notices of the late Revs. Dr. Sedgewick, Matthew Wilson, A. Munroe, Charles Fraser, and T. Christie.

Rev. A. McL. Sinclair submitted the report on the

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

There are but forty-seven ministers in the Synod who are paying the Annual contribution entitling them to a place in the Fund and many congregations do not contribute to it.

On motion of Rev. E. A. McCurdy the following resolution was passed.

Having heard the statement of the Committee of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, receive the same and strongly urge ministers to join the fund and