

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly, according to appointment, met in Knox Church, Hamilton, on the evening of Tuesday, 4th June, the opening sermon being preached by the Rev. John Scott, of London, the Moderator for the last year. Mr. Scott chose for his text part of the 15th verse of the 3rd chapter of the 1st Epistle to Timothy—"that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of the living God." The sermon was felt to be seasonable and suitable. Mr. Scott received the thanks of the Assembly for the manner in which he had discharged the various duties of the Moderatorship, and for the suitable and impressive sermon with which he opened the Assembly.

The Assembly was constituted, the roll called, and the attendance marked. We may state that there was a very full attendance of the Ministers commissioned by the several Presbyteries, only four of the whole number being absent. Of the Elders there was a fair attendance, although the number of those absent was greater than that of Ministers. Mr. W. Fraser, of Bond Head, one of the Clerks of the General Assembly, was unanimously elected Moderator, and on taking the chair addressed the Assembly, giving in the course of his address, a brief statement of the progress and growth of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Mr. Wm. Cochrane, of Brantford, was appointed Recording Clerk of the Assembly *pro tempore*.

CHANGE IN THE ROLL.

The Recording Clerk read a summary statement of the changes in the rolls of the several Synods. We shall not give all the particulars, but we may state that two ministers were reported as having been removed by death during the past year, viz., Dr. R. Boyd, of Prescott, and Mr. Francis Duncan, of Markham. Since the date of the report another Minister has been removed, viz., Rev. W. Lundy, of Strathroy. Fifteen had been ordained, viz., thirteen to the pastoral work, one for the Foreign Mission field, and one as Professor in Manitoba College. Eight ministers were received from other churches, and twelve young men received license to preach the Gospel.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

On the first evening, various Committees were appointed, viz., on Commissions—on the Records of the General Assembly and of the several Synods—on returns of Presbyteries to remits of last year, and on correspondence with other churches.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Besides the devotional exercises at the beginning of each diet, the first hour of the forenoon diet of the second day of the Assembly's sessions was spent in such exercises, the Moderator, and Messrs. Baird, Cochrane, and McKinnon taking part.

COURTESIES TO THE ASSEMBLY.

Letters were read from the Secretaries of the Young Men's Christian Association, and the Mechanics' Institute of the city tendering to the members of the Assembly the free use of their rooms and libraries during the sessions of Assembly; also a letter with a book of telegrams, stamped as free, from the Dominion Telegraph Company, for the use of the members. Thanks were tendered to these Bodies respectively.