

The Rev. James Whyte, of Osgoode, was unanimously elected Moderator, and took the chair. Thanks were given to the retiring Moderator for his able and efficient discharge of the duties of Moderator during his term of office, and for the excellent sermon delivered by him at the opening of this Synod; and further, he was respectfully requested to publish said sermon in the "British American Presbyterian" newspaper.

The first hour of the second sederunt was spent in devotional exercises, the Moderator leading in prayer, being succeeded by Dr. Taylor, Dr. Burns and Mr. J. McEwen, Ministers; and Mr. Andrew Toshach, Elder.

Thereafter Mr. T. S. Chambers read a report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, recommending the order of business for the day. The report was received, and the order of business therein recommended, sanctioned.

Four Committees, consisting of two Ministers and one Elder each, were appointed to examine the Records of Presbyteries, and to report at a future sederunt.

There was taken up and read an overture from the Presbytery of Ottawa, on the matter of Evangelistic services, praying the Synod to transmit overture to the General Assembly, and requesting that venerable court to take the whole subject of Evangelistic services into consideration.

Mr. William McKenzie, of Almonte, was heard in support of the overture.

It was then moved by Dr. Burns, seconded by Dr. Taylor, and agreed to, that the Synod receives and cordially approves of the overture from the Presbytery of Ottawa, and hereby resolves to overture the venerable the General Assembly on the important subject to which it refers.

Messrs. W. McKenzie, R. F. Burns, D.D., and A. Melville, Ministers, were appointed to support this overture before the General Assembly.

The Synod adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock, p.m., and was closed with the benediction.

The Synod met at 3 o'clock, p.m., and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. James Hastie, of Prescott, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

An overture from the Presbytery of Montreal to the General Assembly through the Synod, respecting the remuneration of student missionaries, was presented and read. Dr. McVicar and Mr. Young were heard in support of the overture.

It was moved by Mr. W. Coulthard, seconded by Mr. John McMechan, and agreed to, that the overture be received and transmitted to the General Assembly, with the special recommendation of this Synod.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the provision made for the religious instruction of convicts in the Penitentiary at Kingston, Ont., and of patients in the Rockwood Lunatic Asylum. Mr. A. Wilson, Convener, gave in a report, and read correspondence on the matter, from which it appeared that there is a prospect of arrangements being made to conduct such a religious service as sought, in the Penitentiary, at a suitable hour.

On motion made and duly seconded, it was agreed that the report be received, the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Convener, and that the Committee be re-appointed and instructed to continue the correspondence. The Committee is as follows:—Messrs. Andrew Wilson, Convener, Patrick Gray and Thomas S. Chambers, Ministers; and Messrs. Roderick M. Rose, Samuel Gaw, John Hardie, and Rufus Holden, M.D., Elders.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee on Provision for Widows and Orphans of Ministers, and Aged and Infirm Ministers, on the principle of Mutual Insurance. Mr. A. Wilson, Convener, submitted the following scheme for the consideration of the Synod:—

I. There shall be a Committee of seven appointed annually by the Synod, whose duty it shall be to secure a retiring allowance to Ministers, and aid to the widows and families of deceased Ministers, by the union of congregations on the principle of mutual insurance.

II. Each congregation that may agree to unite with other congregations for this purpose shall pay the sum of twenty dollars (\$20) to the Convener of said