

## SECOND SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met and was constituted by the moderator, who was followed in prayer by the Rev. Messrs. J. Stewart and R. S. Patterson, with the singing of psalms during the intervals.

The minutes of last sederunt were then read and approved. On motion of Rev. J. Stewart the thanks of Synod were then tendered to the moderator for his excellent and appropriate discourse, with request that it be published in the *Record*, with an additional issue of several hundred copies. Mr. Christie returned thanks to Synod for their courtesy, and engaged to furnish the manuscript. Moderator's Sermon.

Remarks having been made on the printed minutes the following committees were appointed:— Printed Minutes.

## COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE MINUTES OF PRESBYTERIES.

Of Cape Breton, and Victoria and Richmond, Rev. A. Cameron and Mr. R. Murray. Committee appointed.

Prince Edward Island, Rev. Wm. Murray and Mr. James Stalker.

Truro and Tatamagouche, Rev. A. Farquharson and Dr. Mitchell.

Pictou, Rev. Messrs. Isaac McKay and D. W. Cameron.

Halifax, Rev. Messrs. J. A. F. Sutherland and William Stuart.

Committee to examine minutes of Boards:—Rev. Donald McNeil and Rev. A. Falconer. Committees.

Committee on Synodical expenses:—Rev. Messrs. Isaac Murray and D. B. Blair, and Henry Webster, Esq. Mr. Webster, convener.

Rev. G. Patterson read the report of the committee on Rules and Forms of Procedure, showing how far they had travelled in the matter. The report was received, and the thanks of Synod tendered to committee. Agreed that the portions prepared be forwarded to the Revising committee, with directions that they be published, and placed in the hands of members of Synod, before next meeting. The committee were re-appointed, and directed to prosecute the work. Report of Committee on rules of procedure.

Rev. R. Laird read the report of the committee on Sabbath Observance. The report was received and approved, when the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"The attention of Synod having been called to the desecration of the Lord's day in the city of Halifax, by the running of street cars on that day, it was resolved unanimously to appoint the ministers and elders in the city of Halifax, a committee to take such steps, in connection with other christian bodies in the city, as may be necessary to put a stop to such desecration." Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance.

The committee was re-appointed with the addition of Dr. McLeod, Rev. J. Stewart, Messrs. J. F. Blanchard and R. Murray. Com. enlarged.

The report of committee on the Overture of Alex. James, Esq., on Statistics and the improvement of Financial arrangements of congregations, having been called for, the convener of committee on Rules of Procedure stated that they did not understand that they were to take any separate action on this document; but to incorporate what they approved of in the rules which they were preparing. The Synod approved of this course. Committee on Statistics.

Took up the overture ament the preservation of the historical records of the church, when it was agreed that the clerks of Presbyteries be a Historical Records.