

The recommendations are as follows :

I. That ministers be enjoined to keep the duty of Sabbath observance in the community prominently before their congregations, more especially in those localities in which the sin of Sabbath desecration may have become prevalent.

II. That a Committee of Synod be appointed to confer with the Premier with a view to securing such legislation as will prevent the running of excursion trains and boats on the Lord's day.

The Synod, in conformity with the above resolution, appointed the following as a committee to confer with the Premier: Dr. James (convener), Mr. Laing and Mr. Fletcher, Ministers, and Messrs. J. M. Gibson, M. P. P., and J. Charlton. M. P.

THEOLOGICAL DEGREES.

The Synod appointed Mr. John Laing, M.A., and Mr. R. N. Grant to support the overture anent theological degrees before the General Assembly.

PETITION OF REV. D. MANN.

The Synod proceeded to consider the petition of the Rev. David Mann regarding certain action of the Presbytery of Stratford.

The Clerk read the petition, which was as follows :

To the Rev. the Synod of Hamilton and London :

The petition of the undersigned humbly sheweth : That a petition was presented to the Presbytery of Stratford on the 9th day of March last from parties at and around Granton ; that on certain good grounds I objected to its reception; that, notwithstanding my objections, Presbytery did receive said petition ; that I dissented and protested for leave to complain to Synod against this decision for reasons to be handed in ; that said reasons having been handed in, have by the Presbytery been thrown out ; and that in these premises substantial wrong has been done to me and the cause with which I am connected, in the neighborhood and congregation.

The petitioner therefore humbly requests that Synod would look into this matter and correct the injustice done, and your petitioner will ever pray.

DAVID MANN.

St. Catharines, April 14th, 1880.

Mr. McEwen moved, seconded by Mr. S. C. Frazer, M. A., that the petition be received.

Mr. McPherson moved, seconded by Mr. P. McF. McLeod, that it be not received.

On the vote being taken the motion was carried as against the amendment. and the petition accordingly received.

It was then moved by Mr. D. D. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Chrystal, "The Synod, believing that Mr. Mann will receive no injustice at the hands of the Presbytery by the reception of the petition complained of, resolve to take no further action in the premises."

It was moved in amendment by Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. John Gray, "That, in view of the requisite documents not being laid on the table, the Synod resolve to take no further action at present in reference to this petition."