

and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice." The Rev. T. McPherson, of Stratford, was then unanimously elected Moderator, and, on taking the chair, addressed the Assembly in suitable terms, offering thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and asking the consideration and aid of the Assembly in the discharge of his duties.

On motion made and seconded, the thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the retiring Moderator for the manner in which the duties of his office had been discharged, and for the suitable sermon delivered by him at the opening of the Assembly.

CHANGES IN THE ROLL.

There was submitted a statement of the changes in the rolls of the several Synods, and of the Presbytery of Manitoba, which had occurred since the meeting of the Assembly last year. Among these changes may be mentioned the removal by death of four Ministers, viz., Messrs. P. Glassford, of Vaughan and Albion; J. Harris, Toronto; D. G. McKay, of Port Elgin and Dumblane; and J. Barron, M.A., formerly of Gananoque. It appeared further that, whilst there had been twenty demissions, there had been twenty-two ordinations and ten inductions of Ministers previously ordained, and eighteen translations, four of these being translations to charges beyond the bounds of the Canada Presbyterian Church. Thirteen Ministers had been received into the Church, and twenty-one Students of Theology had been licensed. Twenty-five congregations were organized as distinct charges, and eighteen mission stations were erected during the year.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

In accordance with the usual very proper practice, the first hour of the second day's proceedings was spent in devotional services, the Moderator, with Dr. Topp, Dr. Burns, and Professor McLaren engaging in prayer, with praise, and the reading of portions of Scripture in the intervals.

BUSINESS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

At the close of the devotional exercises the Assembly proceeded to business. The more important parts of business we now present to our readers, giving the result in the various cases, but without following the exact order of the various sederunts, as it often happened that the consideration of one particular subject extended over a number of sederunts, while in the meantime various other subjects had been disposed of.

STATISTICS.

The Report on Statistics was presented and read in the evening of the second day of the Assembly's sittings by the Rev. R. Torrance, who had been appointed by the committee convener, in room of Dr. Waters, who had been translated to St. John, New Brunswick. The following is a synopsis of the report:—

"Ministers on the rolls of Presbyteries 329, against 315 last year; number of regular charges 650, an increase of 12 with 48 stations, a decrease of 2; vacancies 78, mission stations, 37; number of families connected with the Church was reported to be 28,270; and estimating each family to contain five persons, it must be affirmed that upwards of 140,000 persons were under the pastoral oversight of a stated ministry, or enjoy such occasional means of grace as Presbyteries were able to afford. Single persons, not connected with congregations, numbered 4,176. The number of communicants had increased to 50,702; 5,847 had been added to the Church during