

discharge the duties of Treasurer. On motion made and duly seconded it was agreed not to print the minutes of the Synod this year. The Synod adjourned to meet again at four o'clock p.m. Closed with the benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

OTTAWA, May 5th, 1875, 4 o'clock p.m.

The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises. The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained. The several Committees appointed to examine Presbytery Records, gave in reports stating that said Records were carefully and correctly kept. The synod ordered the several Records to be attested in terms of the respective reports. The Synod called for the report of the standing Committee on the state of religion within its bounds. The report was presented and read by Mr. William McKenzie of Almonte, Convener; Mr. McKenzie read also a report on Evangelistic services. It was then moved by Mr. Thomas S. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Joseph White, and agreed to: that the reports be received, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee, specially to the Convener, and that the matters brought up therein be taken into consideration. The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Moderator pronounced the benediction, and the diet was closed.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

OTTAWA, May 5th, 1875, 7.30 o'clock p.m.

The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises. The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained. In accordance with a standing rule, the Synod proceeded to hold a conference on the state of religion within its bounds. Mr. James Whyte of Osgoode, opened the conference, with an address on "the Work of Grace in Osgoode last year." He was followed by Mr. John Scrimger, with an address on the question, "What should be done for our cities?" Mr. James Stewart next followed with an address on "Evangelistic work in the country districts," and was succeeded by Messrs. James Hastie and James Watson with remarks on the same topic. Thereafter Mr. Thomas S. Chambers offered the following motion, which was duly seconded and unanimously agreed to. The Synod in disposing of the reports submitted on the state of religion and special evangelistic services, would place on record an expression of the strong sense of their indebtedness to God for the large measure of success vouchsafed during the passed Synodical year in several of the congregations within the bounds, and their hope that this improvement will prove an indication of greatly increased progress in the future; would recommend Presbyteries and Sessions to give the subject of the state of religion, more earnest and careful consideration, that fuller and more detailed information may be furnished; would renew their testimony in favour of special evangelistic work; would instruct the Clerk to supply a copy of these reports to the Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on the state of religion, and to have an abstract of them printed in the *Missionary Record* of our Church, and the *British American Presbyterian*; and would reappoint the Committee, namely:—Messrs. William McKenzie, Convener; James Hastie, John Scrimger, Walter Coulthard, James Whyte, and Thomas S. Chambers, Ministers; and Messrs. Archibald McGoun, Andrew Toshach, and E. A. Perry, Elders. The following are brief abstracts of the reports on the state of religion and evangelistic services.