

The Rev. Mr. Neish was appointed to conduct devotional exercises to-morrow morning, and, after praise and prayer, the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 11 a. m.

SECOND DIET.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and, after devotional exercises, was constituted with prayer.

The Synod Roll having been called, the minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

Commissions,

In favour of Revds. K. McLennan, Peterborough, and D. Ross, Dundee, from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, and Revds. Dr. Topp and Mr. McTavish, from the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, were tabled. The Rev. Mr. McTavish, being present, was cordially welcomed.

The Reply to the Synod's Address of last year to the Governor-General of Canada was laid upon the table and read.

Wm. G. Pender received the thanks of the Synod for his services as *interim* Synod Clerk.

MONTHLY RECORD.

The Report on THE MONTHLY RECORD was submitted by the Rev. J. Campbell, and is as follows, viz :—

“The Report shows a gratifying condition of the Committee's affairs in every respect except one. It is no new thing for the Committee to appear, as this year, with the complaint of want of promptitude in payment in reference to so many of the Agents and readers of the RECORD. Notwithstanding the appeals of the RECORD itself, and repeated communications by the Committee's Secretary, a large sum on previous years still remains unpaid. A moment's reflection will serve to show the awkward and embarrassing position in which this places the Committee. The management has always been conducted upon the strictest principles of economy; but it is evident that every amount unpaid, however small, tends so far to frustrate the Committee's efforts. It is sincerely hoped that members of Synod, and especially elders, will interest themselves in the Committee's behalf in those quarters in which arrears have accumulated, and have all sums forwarded immediately to the Secretary.

It is not for the Committee to pass judgment upon their own efforts; yet they think, without undue presumption, that the facts shown in the Report will, on the whole, bear inspection favorably. The circulation has now increased so that considerably over two thousand copies are issued monthly, and the increase is shown by the Secretary's figures to be a gradual and steady one extending over several years. However gratifying this fact may be, the Committee's aim will not be realized till the RECORD shall have secured a place in every household of the Church.

Should the circulation continue to increase, the Committee will soon be in a position to do either one of two things—to reduce the price or to enlarge the RECORD by an increase of the number of pages. Which one of these alternatives the Committee will take up, must be determined by circumstances.

The RECORD has been issued, during the entire year, promptly upon the tenth day of each month; and complaints of irregularity of delivery have been much less frequent than on former years.

The Committee regret that the Rev. Allan Pollok has not returned to the ministry of the Church in these Provinces, and that consequently the arrangements regarding the office of Editor, as made at last meeting of Synod, have in consequence fallen through. They therefore earnestly solicit the Synod to make a permanent appointment for the discharge of the all-important duties of Editor.

All which is respectfully submitted, in name and by instruction of Committee.

JOHN CAMPBELL, *Convener.*