

follows: That on the state of religion, by Mr. Hector McQuarrie (the Moderator), during the presentation of which, the ex-Moderator, Mr. Tolmie took the chair; that on Sabbath schools, by Mr. J. C. Tibb, in the absence of Mr. T. W. Nisbet, the convener; that on temperance, by Mr. Edward Cockburn, and that on Sabbath observance, by Mr. Peter Musgrave.

The reports were received. The recommendations of the committee on Sabbath schools were then considered seriatim, and the following adopted:

1st. That the duty and privilege of supporting the Mission schemes of the Church, be urged upon all our schools.

2nd. That we deplore the multitude of forms in which vicious literature is circulated, and would urge the strictest oversight in the selection of S. S. Libraries.

3. That we commend the principles of the Assembly's scheme of Higher Religious Instructions to the favorable attention of our superintendents and teachers.

The recommendation of the committee on Temperance was adopted, and is as follows:—

The committee recommend the Synod to urge upon the members and adherents of the church, that in the exercise of the franchise, they use all due means to secure the election of good men to School Boards, Municipal Councils, the Provincial Legislature, the Dominion Parliament, and other positions of trust, who are known to be in favor of the entire prohibition of the liquor traffic, and will work and vote for that end.

The recommendations of the committee on Sabbath Observance, as follows, were also adopted:

1. That Presbyteries be charged to appoint, along with their other committees, one on Sabbath Observance.

2. That the subject of Sabbath observance be brought definitely before each Presbytery, at least one a year.

3. That reports from each Presbytery be forwarded to the Synod's convener on that subject, three weeks before the meeting of Synod.

On motion of Mr. Gray, seconded by Dr. Battsby, the report on the state of religion was adopted; on the motion of Mr. J. C. Tibb, seconded by Mr. Musgrave, the report on Sabbath schools was adopted; on motion of Mr. W. A. McKay, seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson, the report on Temperance was adopted, and on motion of Dr. Cochrane, the report on Sabbath Observance was adopted.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. A. F. Tully, on behalf of the committee appointed to nominate standing committees, reported, and the recommendations of the committee were adopted, as follows:

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