

Synod should adopt and transmit to the General Assembly, with the view of its being considered by the Hymnal Committee:—

To the venerable, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The overture of the Synod of Hamilton and London humbly sheweth that :

Whereas, the Assembly's Hymnal Committee have revised the proposed selection of Psalms, with the aid of the Irish Version, thereby greatly improving the parts revised.

Whereas, there are many remaining inaccuracies, in rendering rhyme and rhythm some obsolete forms, and many uncouthnesses of style; and

Whereas, these defects have been largely removed in the version used by the U. P. Church of the U. S. of America, and that by very slight changes.

Therefore the General Assembly is humbly overtured to instruct its Hymnal Committee to revise still further the whole of Rouse's Version of the Psalms, or at least the proposed selections, making such emendations as may be suggested by the said U. P. Version, or any other version of the Psalms.

The overture was adopted, and Rev. W. J. Dey and Rev. John Thomson appointed to support it before the General Assembly.

#### NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, the Synod resolved to meet next year in River Street Presbyterian Church, Paris, on the last Monday of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, at half-past seven o'clock.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned, to meet again at 7.30 p. m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

At Chatham, and within St. Andrews Church there, the twenty-first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, at half-past seven o'clock p. m., the Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted, the Rev. Dr. Sutherland leading in prayer.

The minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### APPLICATIONS ON BEHALF OF STUDENTS SEEKING TO BE LICENSED.

Dr. Laing, on behalf of the Committee on Applications for License, reported, recommending that leave be given to the Presbytery of Hamilton, to license Mr. J. T. Hall and Mr. H. A. McPherson; to the Presbytery of Paris, to license Mr. P. W. Anderson, and to Maitland, to license Mr. W. M. Burton. The report was adopted.

#### CHURCH LIFE AND WORK.

It was agreed to hear read the Synod's Report on Church Life and Work, as prepared by the Rev. Peter Wright, of Portage La Prairie, the convener of the committee on this subject, and afterwards, the reports prepared on certain departments of the subject by the conveners appointed by the Synod at its last meeting.

After the report had been read by the Clerk, Dr. Hamilton moved, duly seconded, that the Synod express its sincere thanks to Mr. Wright, for his