

In regard to the Remits sent down from the last General Assembly, it was agreed: 1. That the Presbytery approve of the Remit anent the reception of ministers simpliciter, and that the same do pass by the General Assembly as the standing law of this Church.

2. That the Remit anent the Board of Examiners do not pass in its present form; but that it be referred to a committee for amendment, and that it be a recommendation to said committee to have respect to the constitutional rights of Presbyteries.

A call was laid upon the table and sustained, from Knox church, Ottawa, to the Rev. W. McLaren, of St. John's church, Belleville. The stipend promised is \$1,800.

Letters were read from the Rev. W. Furlong and the Rev. D. Sutherland, explaining why they had failed to fulfil their appointments within the bounds. It was agreed that in the case of Mr. Furlong the letter be acknowledged, and the citation be renewed; but that in the case of Mr. Sutherland the Presbytery fall from the citation—the excuse given being regarded satisfactory.

It was decided that the sum required to meet the expenses of the Synod be deducted from the contributions taken up by the various congregations towards the General Assembly fund.

Mr. Carswell was, at his own request, relieved of the office of Home Mission Agent, and Mr. Crombie was appointed in his stead.

Mr. Joseph White was appointed Moderator for the next twelve months.

The next general meeting is to be held at Wakefield, Qu., on the 1st Tuesday of August, at 7½ p.m.

JAMES CARSWELL, *Clerk.*

ADDRESS.

DELIVERED BY REV. D. WISHART BEFORE THE SYNOD OF MONTREAL, IN OTTAWA, 12TH MAY, 1870, IN FAVOR OF A SUSTENTATION FUND FOR THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

PREFACE.

The following address is published by special request. The importance of the subject is my only apology for acceding to it. I have great faith in the concentrated wisdom of our General Assembly doing the subject all justice.

OVERTURE.

Whereas experience shows that the present mode of supporting the Gospel ministry does not work satisfactorily, especially in country districts, and has a tendency to extinguish weak congregations, and prevent the organization of new ones where material may be found for so doing; and whereas, while the assistance rendered by the Central Home Mission Fund is gratefully acknowledged, some more effective method of the strong helping the weak, and of giving tangible expression to the organic unity of the Church seems to be imperatively required by the circumstances both of the Church and country;

It is respectfully overtured by the Presbytery of Kingston, to the Reverend the Synod of Montreal, to take the whole subject of ministerial support into its earnest consideration, and, if it shall see cause, in its wisdom to overture the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church to take steps for the establishment of a Sustentation Fund, similar in its general principles to that which has wrought so successfully in the Free Church of Scotland.

MODERATOR, FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—I should have liked had this subject been undertaken by more competent hands than mine. But I have long waited in vain for some one to bring it before the Church. Years ago, I asked our Presbytery to establish it within its own bounds, and if it proved a success, the whole Church would readily adopt it. At last, seeing no prospect of a move in any direction, I brought in an overture to our Presbytery four months ago, and was delighted to find that all were in favour of it. I now