

to pass into the hands of others than parents or guardians, it is earnestly enjoined that the subject of family religion and of parental responsibility be diligently and prominently explained and enforced from the pulpit, in the services of the Sabbath.

In accordance with one of the recommendations of the Committee, the Moderator of Synod, and Mr. Wardrope, Mr. Middlemiss, Mr. J. K. Smith, and Mr. A. D. McDonald, were appointed a committee to draw up a Pastoral Letter. The Synod also appointed the following as a committee on the state of religion within the bounds:—Mr. Lowry, Convener, Mr. Cochrane, Mr. McQuarrie, Mr. James Robertson, of Paris, Mr. J. K. Smith, with the elders representing these Churches.

The Rev. Dr. Ormiston brought forward an overture for transmission to the assembly on the Kankakee Mission, which was adopted by the Synod, and ordered to be transmitted to the Assembly. The overture was signed by several Members of Court; and is as follows:—

"The undersigned would respectfully request the Synod to adopt and transmit the following overture to the General Assembly, at its meeting in June next.

"Whereas the Kankakee Mission is remote from the centre of any of the Presbyteries of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and is situated not only in another country, but within a territory fully occupied by a sister Presbyterian Church;

"And whereas our Church has an ample field for such Missionary efforts in the Province of Quebec, a sphere adequate for all her available resources;

"The Assembly are therefore hereby Overtured to take into consideration the propriety of conferring with some Presbytery or Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, with a view to the transference of the Kankakee Mission to the care and oversight of that Church; and further, to make such arrangements with them, as might enable us to assist each other in the work of evangelizing the French Canadians."

Dr. Ormiston and Mr. Wardrope were appointed to support the Overture before the General Assembly.

The Records of the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Guelph, Paris and Durham were examined, and attested as neatly and correctly kept.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting of Synod at Galt, and within Knox Church there, on the first Tuesday of May, 1871, at 7 P. M., and the Committee on the state of religion were instructed to make arrangements for the discussion of special subjects at a conference on the state of religion, to be held on the second evening of said meeting of Synod.

A Committee was appointed to draw up a minute in reference to the death of the Rev. W. S. Murdoch, of Melville Church, Galt.

WILLIAM COCHRANE,

*Clerk Synod of Hamilton.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—The Presbytery of Hamilton met there on the 12th April, Rev. James Black, Moderator. Twenty ministers and thirteen elders were present.

A committee was appointed, Mr. Black Convener, to take into consideration the arrangement of the congregations and stations in the neighborhood of Caledonia, Oneida, Cayuga and Dunnville, and to report at the next regular meeting.

The Presbytery took up the remits from last synod, and agreed to adopt the "Act for the Reception of Ministers." In reference to the act anent "the examination of students," the Presbytery recommended that a committee of the General Assembly be appointed to reconsider its provisions, and to bring in an amended Act.

Memorials were presented from the congregations in Ancaster and from the congregation of Barton, praying for a re-arrangement of these congregations.