

bath observance. On motion of Dr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. R. Hamilton, the Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the communications.

OVERTURE ANENT THE SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS.

An overture from the Paris Presbytery, relating to the necessity of all students for the ministry being put under the supervision of their respective Presbyteries, was read, and Dr. Cochrane heard in its support.

On motion of Mr. R. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Chrystal, the overture was received and adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to the ensuing General Assembly for consideration. Dr. Cochrane and Mr. W. T. McMullen were appointed to support the overture before the General Assembly.

SUPPLY OF VACANCIES.

The Clerk read a communication from Dr. Torrance, the Clerk of the Committee on the Distribution of Vacancies, regarding the unsatisfactory working of the present scheme, and asking the synod to consider what should be done in the circumstances.

An overture was also read from Dr. R. J. Laidlaw, and others, for transmission to the General Assembly, regarding the more permanent and speedy supply of vacancies. Dr. Laidlaw was heard in its support. After discussion, on motion of Mr. McMullen, duly seconded, the following committee was appointed to take both documents into consideration, and form a deliverance to be presented at a future sederunt, namely: Messrs. W. T. McMullen, Convener; Ball, Dr. Laidlaw, W. Robertson, Mungo Fraser, Dr. Proudfoot, S. Cuthbertson, Burson, ministers; and Messrs. D. McKenzie, Younge, and Stewart, elders.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet again at 2 p. m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

St. Andrews Church, London, the first day of May, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-eight.