

the Rev. William Hogarth, D.D., the Rev. George D. Baker and the Hon. J. S. Ferrand, Ruling Elder, a Deputation to this Synod. Mr. Baker, being present, was welcomed by the Moderator, and addressed the House in an able and interesting speech. Whereupon it was moved by Dr. Jenkins, seconded by Dr. Cook and passed unanimously, That the Synod express their great satisfaction with the attendance at this meeting of the Rev. G. D. Baker, as a Delegate from the Church which he here represents, and with the statements which he has made before this House, indicating the beneficial results of the reunion of the two branches of their Church, and the presence among them of a spirit of unwonted earnestness and Missionary zeal; and unite in the prayer that the blessing of the Great Head of the Church may continue to rest upon our Christian Brethren in the United States. The Moderator conveyed to Mr. Barker the cordial thanks of the House for his presence and eloquent address.

Dr. Murray, Professor of Metaphysics in McGill University in this City, being present, was invited to sit and deliberate with the House.

RETURNS FROM PRESBYTERIES.

There were read Returns from Presbyteries to the Overtures sent down to them by last meeting of Synod for consideration. It was found in regard to

1. Overture anent the *status* of Ministers engaged in French Evangelization—that the Presbyteries of Montreal, Glengary, Perth, Ottawa, Toronto and Victoria disapproved; the Presbytery of Saugeen approved *simpliciter*; the Presbytery of Kingston approved, provided it involved no claim on the Temporalities' or Sustentation Fund; and the Presbytery of Quebec deemed it unnecessary to make a general law on the subject.

2. Overture anent shortening the curriculum in certain cases—the Presbyteries of Montreal and Victoria approved *simpliciter*; the Presbyteries of Perth, Ottawa, Toronto and Saugeen approved on certain conditions and with specified limitations; the Presbyteries of Glengary and Kingston disapproved.

3. Overture anent the *status* of Retired Ministers—the Presbyteries of Quebec, Montreal, Glengary and Hamilton approved; the Presbyteries of Perth, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto and Saugeen disapproved.

4. Overture anent Joint Meetings of Managers and Elders—the Presbyteries of Perth, Kingston and Victoria approved; the Presbyteries of Quebec, Montreal, Glengary, Ottawa, Toronto and Saugeen disapproved.

In terms of the Barrier Act, the Moderator declared that the Overture, rescinding the law which gives to Retired Ministers in Church Courts the status of Ministers holding charges, passes into a permanent enactment of the Church, and that the Overtures anent the status of Ministers engaged in French Evangelization—the shortening of the

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