

By special request of the Presbytery of Ontario, the following members of Synod were appointed to act as Assessors with the Presbytery in the arrangement of the difficulty in relation to Enniskillen and Williamsburg, as indicated in the discussion connected with the Protest and Appeal of Mr. Windell, viz.: Principal Willis, Dr. Jennings, Professor Caven, Messrs. W. Gregg, M.A., and J. Laing, Ministers, and Mr. J. Brown, Elder.

An Overture on the Muskoka Mission was submitted by the Presbytery of Simcoe. Messrs. M. Fraser and J. Ferguson were heard in support of the same.

The following deliverance thereon was agreed to:

Receive the Overture and record approval of the object which it contemplates; recommend to the Sabbath Schools within the bounds of the Synod, that they contribute for the support of missionaries in that district; also instruct the Presbytery to co-operate with the Home Mission Committee, with the view of obtaining an ordained missionary for the district with an adequate salary.

The Synod agreed to record their thanks—

1. To the Managers of Bay Street Church, Toronto, for the use of their building during the meeting of Synod.

2. To the Managers and Directors of the Grand Trunk, Midland and Northern Railways, for their kindness in granting a reduction of fares to members of Synod while travelling over their respective lines.

After singing, and prayer by Mr. A. Dawson, the Moderator gave a brief closing address, and announced that the next meeting would be held within Bay Street Church, Toronto, on the first Tuesday after the last Sabbath of April, 1871, at half-past 7 o'clock, p.m. He then closed the Session with the Apostolic Benediction, at half an hour after eleven o'clock, p.m.

JOHN GRAY,

*Synod Clerk.*

Toronto, 13th April, 1870.

SYNOD OF HAMILTON.—The Synod of Hamilton met according to adjournment, in the Central Church there, on Wednesday, the 13th day of April, and after sermon from the retiring Moderator, the Rev. George Cheyne, from Ephesians i.: 22-23, was duly constituted by prayer. The Clerk having called the roll, 44 Ministers and 21 Elders answered to their names. There was then read a detailed statement of the changes in the roll of Synod during the year, by death, demission, translation, ordinations and inductions. The Moderator then briefly addressed the Synod, and intimated that the time had arrived for the election of a new Moderator, whereupon it was moved by Mr. Thomas Wardrope, seconded by Dr. Ormiston, that Mr. George Smellie, of Fergus, be elected Moderator for the ensuing year, which motion was carried unanimously, and Mr. Smellie took the chair accordingly.

A Committee of Bills and Overtures was then appointed, consisting of the Clerk of Synod, Clerks of Presbyteries within the bounds, and a Minister and Elder from each Presbytery.

On Motion of Rev. J. K. Smith, seconded by Mr. Middlemiss, the thanks of Synod were given to the retiring Moderator for his conduct in the Chair, and the discourses delivered at the openings of Synod.

The following are the chief items of business transacted during the subsequent sittings of Synod.

The Synod considered a reference from the Presbytery of Paris in the case of Mr. John Gillespie, who has petitioned said Presbytery to be restored to the office of the Holy Ministry. On motion of Mr. Middlemiss, seconded by Mr. David Inglis, the Synod agreed unanimously to transmit the reference of the Presbytery of Paris to the ensuing General Assembly, with the expression of their cordial acquiescence in the recommendation of said Presbytery. There commendation of the Presbytery is to the effect that the Assembly personally entertain Mr. Gillespie's petition, with due regard to the good of the Church.