

An overture to the General Assembly, signed by several members of this Court, in favour of an Ecumenical Council of Presbyterian Churches, was presented and read, praying the Synod to adopt this overture, and transmit it to the General Assembly. It was moved by Mr. A. Wilson, seconded by Mr. J. Watson, and agreed to, that the Synod agree to overture the General Assembly on this matter, adopt this overture, and order it to be transmitted to the General Assembly.

It was further moved, seconded and agreed, that the Moderator of Synod, and Principal McVicar, be appointed to support this overture before the General Assembly.

The report of the Treasurer for the past year was submitted. The report was received, the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Treasurer, and the Clerk was instructed to notify congregations in arrears to this fund to forward the amounts to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

Messrs. John Watson and John Stirling, of Montreal, were appointed Auditors. The Clerk was instructed to have the minutes of Synod printed for distribution throughout the bounds.

The Synod called for the reports of the Committees appointed to examine the Presbytery Records. Reports were read on the Records of Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, and Brockville, stating that said Records were carefully and correctly kept. The Synod ordered them to be attested in terms of the reports.

The thanks of the Synod were recorded to the session and managers of Knox Church for the use of their building during the meeting of Synod; to the Committee of Accommodation for the efficient manner in which their duties were discharged; to members of the Church and friends in Montreal for their generous hospitality; and to the several railway companies for their kindness in permitting members of Synod to travel at reduced rates over their respective lines.

The business being finished, the Moderator addressed the Synod, and gave out for praise the 115th Psalm, 10th to the 12th verse inclusive; which being sung, he announced that the Synod adjourned to meet again in the City of Ottawa, and within Bank Street Church there, on the first Tuesday of May, 1875, and closed the Session by pronouncing the benediction.

A. YOUNG, *Clerk of Synod.*

SYNOD OF HAMILTON.

The Synod of Hamilton in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church met in the First Congregation Church, Guelph, on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. There was a fair attendance of Ministers and Elders. Rev. Mr. Middlemiss, of Elora, the retiring Moderator, preached an excellent and practical sermon from the words 1st Thess., i. 5. At the close of the service the Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, after which the Synod Clerk, Mr. Cochrane, called the roll, and read over the list of transactions, removals and deaths that had taken place since the last meeting of the Synod. On motion of Rev. Mr. Torrance, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Smellie, the Rev. John McMillan, of Mount Forest, was unanimously elected Moderator, and on taking the chair thanked the fathers and brethren for the honour they had conferred on him. On motion of the Rev. Mr. Torrance, seconded by Rev. Dr. Parrie, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the retiring Moderator for the able manner in which he had presided over the deliberations of the Synod, and for the excellent sermon he had preached. After transacting some formal business, the Synod adjourned, to meet on Wednesday morning at nine o'clock.

Wednesday, May 6th.

Mr. Murray, in the absence of the Convener, gave in a Report on the State of Religion, which was received. Mr. Murray was requested to tabulate the returns sent to the Committee and send a deliverance to the Convener of the Assembly's Committee on the State of Religion, in time for the Assembly's annual report. An interesting conference followed on the state of religion, which was adjourned to the afternoon sederunt. Messrs. McCrae and McIntosh were appointed to