

Committee at the death or retirement of any one of the pastors of these congregations, provided that, in the case of retirement, the pastor so retiring shall have attained the age of sixty-five years, and shall have labored in the Ministry of the Church twenty years.

III. The total amount thus raised shall be paid to the retired Minister, or the widow of the deceased Minister, or if no widow, to his children, if any, who may be under the age of eighteen years, or to some proper person in trust for them.

IV. Should any congregation decline to unite with others in this plan, the pastor himself may take the place of his congregation, provided he come under the same obligation which they would have come under had they adopted it; and provided also, that his translation from one congregation to another shall not affect his interest therein, or his obligation thereto.

It was moved, duly seconded, and agreed to, that the report be received, the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee and especially to the Convener, and that the report lie on the table of the Synod in the meantime.

The report of the Standing Committee on the State of Religion was read. It was moved, duly seconded, and agreed to, that the report be received, the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee, and specially to the Convener, and that said report be referred to a Committee to draw up a deliverance thereon, and to report at a future Sederunt. The Committee to consist of Dr. Taylor and Mr. W. Moore, Ministers; and Messrs. J. Brodie, M. Gilmour and J. Durie, Elders. Dr. Taylor, Convener.

At a subsequent stage the Committee gave in a deliverance which was received and adopted, and is as follows:—The Synod having heard the report of the Committee on the State of Religion and Evangelistic services, *resolved*, that there is great cause for thankfulness for the measure of success which has followed the preaching of the gospel; that it is to be regretted that sessions have not more generally answered the questions submitted to them; greater diligence in this respect is required in order to put the Committee in a position to give a full view of the state of religion; that the Committee be directed to extend as far as may be practicable the work of evangelization within the bounds, in accordance with the instructions of last Synod; that the report be printed in the appendix to the minutes of the Synod; that the Clerk send a copy of it to the Convener of the General Assembly's Committee; and that the Committee be reappointed as follows, viz.:—Messrs. William McKenzie, Convener, James Hastie, Walter Coulthard, John Scrimger, A.M., and R. F. Burns, D.D., Ministers; and Messrs. John Campbell, Andrew Toshack and Robert Baird, Elders.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet in the evening at half past seven o'clock.

The Synod met and was constituted, Messrs. William Burns, of Perth, and Joseph White, of Wakefield, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

In accordance with a standing rule, the Synod proceeded to hold a Conference on the State of Religion within its bounds. Mr. William McKenzie, of Almonte, delivered an appropriate opening address on "Evangelistic and Prayer Meetings," and was followed by Dr. Burns, Dr. McVicar, Messrs. G. Bremner, and J. M. McIntyre, Ministers, who severally addressed the Synod on the revival of the work of the Lord throughout our Church.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Moderator pronounced the benediction, and the diet was closed.

The Synod met on the morning of the 7th of May, at 10 o'clock, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. William Moore, of Ottawa, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

There was presented and read a petition from the Presbytery of Ottawa to the General Assembly, praying the Supreme Court to sanction the transference of the congregation of North Gower and Gloucester from the care of the Presbytery of Brockville, to that of the Presbytery of Ottawa, and requesting the Synod to transmit said petition. On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to forward the petition to the General Assembly.