

2. That Presbyteries be enjoined to make careful enquiry into the course of literary and theological training which the applicant underwent before entering the ministry of his own Church, and also to make a strict examination of the applicant's knowledge of the doctrines, polity and practice of the Presbyterian Church.

3. That instead of issuing a circular card to Presbyteries merely containing the name, the Presbytery making the application shall send to the Clerks of all the Presbyteries of the Church, not later than March 1st, a printed copy of the papers to be laid before the Assembly, said papers to contain at least a statement of the literary and theological training of the applicant, of his work in the Church to which he belonged, and of the Presbytery's action in his case.

4. Before such applicant shall be finally received into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, he shall be given at least one year's work in the Home Mission field through the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, and the Presbytery, or Presbyteries, within whose bounds he labours, shall report regarding his acceptability as a labourer through the Home Mission Committee to the General Assembly.

And, further, your Committee had under careful consideration the larger question of the continuous supply of mission fields and the granting of employment to ministers and theological students and believe that the question is of such importance and surrounded with such difficulties that it should be sent down as a remit to Presbyteries and College Senates to make suggestions for its solution to next General Assembly.

J. SOMERVILLE,

Concurrens.

AT OWEN SOUND, AND WITHIN DIVISION STREET HALL THERE, ON THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF APRIL, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIX, THE PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND MET AND WAS CONSTITUTED.

Sederunt: Rev. James B. Fraser, M.D., *Moderator*, etc.

Inter alia: The following Overture regarding the admission of ministers from other Churches was adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to the General Assembly:—"Inasmuch as it was found, at the meeting of the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee in March last, that two hundred and seventy-three men had applied for work in the Home Mission Field, and that only one hundred and fifty-nine fields were open for supply; and inasmuch as it appears from the College reports that seventy-seven men graduate this year from the various Colleges of the Church, and that two hundred and eighty-four men are in classes preparing for the ministry, showing that we have already more than a sufficient number of men in view to meet the requirements of our Church for some time to come, the Presbytery of Owen Sound humbly Overtures the Reverend the General Assembly that, except in cases where a minister of another Church is under call by one of our congregations, or is designated by one of the Presbyterian Churches in Britain to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, leave be not granted to Presbyteries to receive ministers from other Churches except in circumstances which, in the judgment of the General Assembly, are deemed very special, or that the Assembly devise such measures as shall give reasonable hope of work to ministers in good standing in the Church, and able for, and anxious to obtain, work, and to students studying in our own Colleges with a view to the ministry.

Dr. J. B. Fraser and Dr. J. Somerville were appointed to present the Overture to the General Assembly.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Owen Sound, this 11th May, 1896, by

JOHN SOMERVILLE,
Clerk.

VI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIFORMITY IN PUBLIC WORSHIP.

At last Assembly held in London, Ont., an overture from the Synod of Hamilton and London was considered, of tenor following:

"Whereas it is desirable that the public worship of God should as far as it is practicable and for edification be characterized by general uniformity in the substance and order of the service.