

whom causes coming up from Presbyteries might be referred to, be carefully considered and prepared for adjudication, and who should bring up a finding to be submitted to the Synod.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—On the report of the committee, it appeared that five Presbyteries approved of the overture for the formation of a General Assembly, and that seven disapproved of it, considering the proposal as premature. Two Presbyteries had given no report. It was moved by the Rev. A. F. Kemp, and seconded by Rev. J. K. Smith, that a committee be appointed to draft a scheme for the constitution of a General Assembly and District Synods, to be remitted to Presbyteries and Sessions for consideration. It was moved in amendment by Rev. J. Ross, seconded by Rev. D. Cameron, that the overture on a General Assembly, having been disapproved by a majority of Presbyteries, be rejected. The motion was carried, and the Synod in terms thereof appointed a committee. This committee, at a subsequent sederunt, gave in a draft of a constitution for a General Assembly, which is sent down for consideration of Presbyteries and Sessions.

LICENSING OF STUDENTS.—The Synod granted leave to Presbyteries to take on trial for license the following students, viz. Messrs. John Davidson, Geo. Grant, A. Grant, A. McNaughton, W. Lundy, John Thompson, Thos. McGuire, Jas. Mitchell, D. Duff, H. Gracey, James Malcolm, J. B. Taylor and John Morrison.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.—On the report of the committee appointed on the matter, the Synod authorized the reception of the Rev. E. W. Garner and the Rev. R. Ewing. The Presbytery of Montreal was authorized to receive the Rev. J. Donaldson, on his producing a regular dismissal from the Presbytery of North River, U. S. The case of Mr. Carruthers was remitted to the Presbytery of Hamilton. It was resolved that in future all ministers applying for admission should personally appear at the meeting of Synod at which such application is made.

TRANSFERENCE OF CERTAIN MISSION STATIONS.—On application duly made, the Synod authorized the transference of the station of Kirkton from the Presbytery of Stratford to the Presbytery of Huron, and of Burns' church, East Zorra, from the Presbytery of Paris to the Presbytery of Stratford.

MODEL TRUST DEED.—An overture from the Presbytery of Kingston was brought before the Synod, setting forth the expediency of drafting a model trust deed for church property, which might be recommended to congregations requiring such deed. A committee was appointed to take steps for the accomplishment of such object, and to report at next meeting of Synod—the committee to consist of Messrs. Kemp, Topp, Andrew Wilson, the Moderator, Hon. J. McMurrich, Messrs. G. Davidson, J. Dalgleish and J. Davidson.

OVERTURE ON FORMS OF PROCEDURE, &c.—In accordance with an overture from the Presbytery of Cobourg, the Synod appointed a committee to consider the whole subject of forms of procedure, &c., and to report as to what may be best for the church both in regard to forms of procedure and of process in cases of discipline—the committee to consist of the Moderator, Messrs. Kemp, Smellie, Middelmiss, Gillespie, Baird, Jennings, and the Clerks of Synod.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.—The report of the committee on the state of religion was given in by Rev. J. McTavish, Convener. The report referred to manifest tokens of a work of grace in several parts of the bounds of the Synod. Reference was made to the fact that the queries sent to Presbyteries by the committee had been but partially attended to and answered. This was explained on the part of the Presbyteries concerned by the statement that the queries had not been received in time to be laid before the Presbyteries for their mature and full consideration. Various motions were brought forward with reference to this report, not, however, differing very materially from each other. The motion which was ultimately adopted was one proposed by the Rev. A. Topp, to the following effect: "That the report be received and adopted, that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the committee, and especially to the Convener for the same; and that it be remitted to them to prepare and issue a pastoral address founded thereon to the members of the church." In connexion with this subject, the Moderator called on the Rev. J. Scott, of London, to lead the Synod in expressing their devout gratitude to God for the many cheering evidences of His favour and blessing furnished by the report of the committee.

DISPENSATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.—The Synod, at its meeting in 1862, having approved of the proposal to unite synodically in the ordinance of the