

iv. MATTERS TO WHICH THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESBYTERIES IS DIRECTED.

General Assembly shall lie with a Committee consisting of the ex-Moderators who may be living and in Canada—such nomination to be made and intimated to the Church, not later than one month before the date of the meeting of the Assembly over which the person so nominated shall preside.

LOUIS H. JORDAN.  
WILLIAM MOORE.  
ROBERT H. WARDEN.  
GEORGE M. MILLIGAN.  
J. A. MACDONALD.  
G. M. GRANT.  
D. MORRICE.

ROBERT TORRANCE.  
D. H. MACVICAR.  
A. T. LOVE.  
JOHN FOREST.  
JAMES ROBERTSON.  
ROBERT CAMPBELL.  
JUDGE STEVENS.

*Hamilton, June 15th, 1899.*

7. Remit *re* Powers to be vested in Synods. (See page 78). The following is the Overture on the subject :

*Whereas* experience has shown that much of the time of the General Assembly is taken up in dealing with matters of detail, which could fully and more conveniently be dealt with at the meetings of our several Synods :

And *whereas*, according to the procedure hitherto followed, cases are permitted to come by way of appeal to the General Assembly which might well be issued in one of the inferior judicatories, and with which the General Assembly cannot satisfactorily deal without unduly extending the sittings of that Court, and also involving the parties concerned in much needless expense.

Therefore, the Venerable, the General Assembly, is hereby humbly overtured by the Synod of Toronto and Kingston.

That the power of the Synods of the Church shall be extended by conferring upon them the right of exercising final jurisdiction in all matters of petition, reference, complaint or appeal coming from Presbyteries within their own bounds, which do not involve matters of administration or of doctrine affecting the Church as a whole, or matters of discipline affecting the ecclesiastical status of any member or office-bearer of the Church.

8. Presbyteries are asked to report their views on the Devotional Manual, "Aids to Social Worship." (See Appendices, page 311).