

agreed to request some brethren in Paris Presbytery to supply these stations.

**Wallaceburg**—Mr Forest, 2nd Sabbath of August; Mr. Walker, Chatham, 3rd Sabbath, August; Mr. McColl, 4th Sabbath of August; Mr. Waddell, 1st Sabbath of September; Mr. Howie, 5th Sabbath, September and 1st and 2nd Sabbaths of October.

**Westminster**—Mr Murray, 3rd and 4th Sabbaths, July; Mr. Bennett, whole of Aug.; Mr. Proudfoot, 1st Sabbath of September, afternoon; Mr. Gauld, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sabbaths of September.

**Windsor**—Mr Hay, 3rd and 4th Sabbaths, July, and 1st Sabbath, August; Mr. Bennett, whole of September; Mr. King, 1st Saturday of October.

**Wisconsin, Grant's County**—Mr Tait, whole of September, and 1st and 2nd Sabbaths of October.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be dispensed at Amherstburg on 2nd Sabbath of August, by Mr. Kimz, assisted by Mr. Balmer, on week days; and at Belmont on 1st Sabbath of October, by Mr. McKinnon, assisted by the missionary there, and by Mr. McMillan, Fingal, on Fast Day.

The Presbytery agreed to hold a visitation of the congregation of Plympton on 30th July, and adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, London, on the last Monday of September, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

D. WALKER,  
Pres. Clerk.

#### PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

This Presbytery met in Pembroke on the 17th July. All the ministers save three were present on the occasion. The following is an outline of the business transacted.

On motion of Mr. Gourley, seconded by Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Aitken, appointed by the Synod the first Moderator, was unanimously elected Moderator for the present year.

The Clerk was instructed to procure from Toronto a book for engrossing the Minutes. It was agreed to adopt, as the times of ordinary meeting, the first Tuesday in November, February, May and August; and as the places, Ottawa and Perth alternately. The next meeting to be held in Ottawa on the first Tuesday in November.

A Presbyterial certificate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, U.S., in favor of Mr. Andrew Montgomery, licentiate of that body, now applying for admission into our church, was laid on the table till next ordinary meeting.

Various charges brought against Mr. McMeekin, minister of the church in Pembroke, by Mr. A. Irving, one of the members of said church, engaged the attention of Presbytery for the greater part of the day. The charges having been read, and preliminaries discussed and disposed of, Mr. McMeekin handed in written statements or explanations in reference to these charges. These explanations were read, and Mr. Irving expressed his satisfaction therewith. Mr. Irving also craved and obtained leave to withdraw the charges, as far as he was concerned.

The Presbytery, having again heard read the charges and explanation *seriatim*, agreed to accept as satisfactory the explanations given on four of the charges, to receive *cum notis* the explanations on other four; and in reference to the remaining charge—

that of making secret overtures to members of the Synod in connection with the Church of Scotland, with a view to be received as a member of said Synod—the Presbytery came to the following finding:—That Mr. Duncan, Mr. T. Wardrope, and Mr. McKinnon, be a committee to frame a deliverance on this charge, and also on the whole case, and report.

The Committee reported the following Resolution, and the same, on motion of Mr. Gurray, seconded by Mr. McKenzie, was unanimously adopted:—

"That in view of Mr. McMeekin's humble acknowledgment of imprudence and want of candor in relation to some of the matters concerning which charges have been brought against him, and especially in clandestine overtures for admission to another church, agree to deal with him as leniently as the circumstances will admit.

That accordingly the charges against him be fallen from on his being admonished by the Moderator to cultivate a prayerful spirit and a circumspect deportment, so that, through any subsequent error or inadvertence of his ministry be not blamed.

But that the Presbytery, convinced that his usefulness in Pembroke is at an end, dissolve the existing relation between him and his congregation."

The Moderator accordingly admonished Mr. McMeekin in most appropriate terms, and in name and presence, and by appointment of the Presbytery, dissolved the pastoral tie, and declared the church vacant.

Various matters connected with the finances of the congregation were then disposed of.

The Clerk was authorized to furnish Mr. McMeekin with a Presbyterial certificate.

Arrangements were made for supplying the vacant congregations and mission stations within the bounds.

In the course of the discussion the state of matters in the session and congregation were necessarily brought out. In reference to this, the following motion was submitted by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. McKenzie, and carried *nem. con.*:—

"That inasmuch as in the reasoning before the Presbytery in Mr. McMeekin's case it was stated that some of the elders had been for a lengthened period absenting themselves from ordinances, the Presbytery deems it right to take notice of this matter.

The Presbytery, therefore, having enquired thereto, and finding no denial made nor adequate explanations given by the parties referred to of what is alleged against them, record their disapprobation of conduct inconsistent with their position as office-bearers, and in its tendency fitted to prove injurious to the interests of religion in this place."

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Ottawa on first Tuesday in Nov. next.

S. C. FRASER,  
Pres. Clerk.

#### PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Cobourg, held July 3rd 1861, in St. Andrew's Church, Cobourg, Mr. Douglass, the first ordained minister of the Presbytery, was elected as Moderator for the ensuing six months.

A unanimous call was laid before the Presbytery, from the congregation of Port Hope, to the Rev. James Fitzpatrick, of the United Presbyterian Church, Ireland. The call was signed by 133 members and 63 adherents, and was duly attested. It was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted in due form to the Clerk of Presbytery in Ireland.

Mr. Robert Taylor, probationer, from the U. P. Church in Scotland, made application to be received by the Presbytery, and was received in accordance with the Interim Act of Synod.

Rev. J. C. Stewart applied to be received as a minister into this church. Also application was made on behalf of a number of individuals, professing to form a congregation under the pastoral care of Mr. Stewart, at Jonesville, to be received under the care of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery resolved that the application of Mr. Stewart lie on the table, and that he be instructed to produce the required documents at the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery; and farther, that it is not expedient to countenance the formation of a congregation in the locality referred to, but that the parties applying be earnestly recommended to seek to be admitted as members of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

A petition and an appeal in connection with the congregation of Perrytown were considered, and a small committee was appointed to confer with parties, and report to next meeting.

Mr. Douglass was appointed to preach a sermon in the evening, at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Notice was given that the Report on Home Missions, and the Report on Forms of Process, as also an overture on the adoption of a Book of Forms of Procedure, received, be brought under notice of the Presbytery at next meeting.

Mr. Alex. McNaughton, student in Divinity, applied to be taken under the care of the Presbytery. His application was received, and his examinations appointed to take place at next meeting, at Port Hope, on last Tuesday of September, at 11 a.m.

JOHN LAING,  
Clerk *pro. tem.*

#### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

This Presbytery held its first meeting since the Union in Toronto on the 2nd of July. There was a large attendance especially of Elders. Mr. Topp was appointed Moderator, and Mr. Gregg Clerk of Presbytery. The Presbytery agreed to hold its regular Quarterly meetings on the first Tuesdays of February, May, August, and November.

A call from King and Laskey, to Mr. James Milligan, Probationer, was sustained, and accepted.

Messrs. Malcolm MacKenzie and Robert Taylor, designated as missionaries from the U. P. Church of Scotland were received.

Messrs. Nisbet, Dick, Reid, and Gregg, were appointed the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee—Mr. Dick Treasurer and Mr. Nisbet Convener.

WILLIAM GREGG,  
Clerk.