

Presbytery of Paris.

This Presbytery met on the 16th at Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, the more important business before the Court being the call from the Free East Church, Inverness, Scotland, to the Rev. John McTavish of Woodstock. There was a good attendance of ministers and elders, and a considerable representation of Chalmers' Church, who as may be supposed were deeply interested in the case. The Clerk, Dr. Cochrane, having read the call, (which was signed by 954 members and adherents), and reasons for the translation of Mr. McTavish, the parties in the case were called to the bar. There appeared for the Presbytery and congregation in Inverness, the Rev. Daniel McKenzie, formerly minister of Zorra, and the Rev. Lachlan Cameron of Thamesford; for Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, Messrs. Watson, McLeod, Reid and Kirkton; and Mr. McTavish for himself. Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Cameron ably pleaded the case of the Inverness congregation, as having for many reasons a special claim on such a man as Mr. McTavish, whose abilities and weight of character would be of immense importance in that district of country, while the commissioners from the congregation in Woodstock, with a force and aptness but seldom heard in church courts, urged the Presbytery to refuse the translation sought, as highly disastrous to the church of which Mr. McTavish is pastor, and the cause of Christ in the surrounding neighborhood. After a lengthened discussion on both sides Mr. McTavish had the call put into his hands and was asked by the moderator to state his views. After stating how deeply pained he felt at the prospect of leaving his congregation and the Presbytery, he intimated his acceptance of the call. The Presbytery then proceeded to deliberate. Dr. Cochrane, in moving the resolution granting the translation sought, reviewed the claims of Scotland as against Canada, and showed that with numerous probationers without charges in Scotland, there was no good argument why the Canadian church should be called upon to give up her best men. The congregation in Inverness while numerous, could not offer a larger field for evangelistic and public work than the locality in and around Woodstock, while the services of such a man as Mr. McTavish were of far more value to the cause of Presbyterianism in Canada at the present juncture than they could possibly be to the Free Church of Scotland. Inasmuch, however, as Mr. McTavish had explicitly stated that he felt it his duty to accept the call, he moved as follows: "That in view of the explicit statement made by Mr. McTavish, that he feels it his duty to close with the call from the Free East Church, Inverness, Scotland, the Presbytery reluctantly agree to said translation, and instruct Mr. McTavish to await the action of the Free Presbytery of Inverness, with a view to his induction as pastor of said church and congregation—the dissolution of the pastoral tie between him and Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, to take effect on and after the first Sabbath of September. Further, the Presbytery, in parting with their esteemed brother, desire to record their sense of the great loss sustained by the church of which he is pastor, by the Presbytery of which he has been a most valuable member, and the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in whose interest he has labored so faithfully for the long period of twenty-four years. They desire to express their gratitude to the great King and Head of the Church, for the large measure of success that has followed his abundant labors in the many and widely scattered fields where he has been privileged to preach, from time to time, the Gospel of Christ. They follow him to his native land, and to the important congregation over which he is soon to be settled, with their earnest prayers for his highest welfare, confident that the same zeal and self-denial which have ever marked his ministry in Canada, will continue to characterize his ministry in connection with the Free Church of Scotland. The Presbytery also, while agreeing to the translation of Mr. McTavish from Woodstock to Inverness, would at the same time express their deepest sympathy with the congregation of Chalmers' Church, in the great loss which they are called to sustain, in parting with such a beloved pastor, who has endeared himself to them by years of devoted service. They commend them to the special care and oversight of the great Shepherd and Bishop of souls, assured that in His own good time he will send them a pastor to go in and out among them and break unto them the bread of life." Mr. Inglis, of Ayr, seconded Dr. Cochrane's motion, and after several of the members of the Presbytery had expressed their deep regret at parting with Mr. McTavish, it was agreed to unanimously. Mr. McEwan, of Ingersoll was appointed Moderator of the Kirk Session of Chalmers' Church during the vacancy, and Mr. Little was appointed to preach the Church vacant on the second Sabbath of September. After solemn prayer by Mr. McLeod, with special reference to the departure of Mr. McTavish, and the transaction of some routine business, the Presbytery adjourned. The next meeting will be held in Zion Church, Brantford, on the last Tuesday of September, at 2 o'clock p. m.

HAMILTON. This Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting in Nairn Church, Brantford, on the 12th Sept., at 2 p. m. Also the next ordinary meeting will be held in Central Church, Hamilton, on Tuesday, the 18th September, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Session Records should be submitted for review.

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