

Messrs. Kemp and Bartlett were elected members of the General Assembly's Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee presented an encouraging report of the mission field, which was adopted.

Reports from deputations appointed to visit the supplemented congregations within the bounds were received, and the Presbytery resolved as follows:

Boltony, &c.—To apply for a grant of \$110 for the next year, being a reduction of \$30 per annum.

Amherstburgh—To apply for \$100 for the past six months, and \$100 for the six months beginning April, 1870; and the clerk was instructed to notify the congregation that the Presbytery contemplate reducing the grant after that date.

Buxton—Messrs. Milligan, Walker, Warden and Bartlett were appointed a committee to visit Buxton on an early day, and report at next regular meeting respecting the condition of the Mission, the Presbytery in the meantime delaying action in the matter of a grant. The Presbytery ordered payments of the grants due for the past six months, to the supplemented charges and mission stations.

Mr. Kemp introduced an overture to the General Assembly in favour of union with the Presbyterian Churches in the Lower Provinces. The Presbytery resolved to approve of the overture, and ordered its transmission; Messrs. Kemp and King to support it before the General Assembly.

The Presbytery took up the Remit from the General Synod on the Act for the Reception of Ministers, and recommended that clause 1 read thus:—

1. Ministers of other Evangelical Presbyterian Churches, who hold and accept the Westminster Standards, in terms of the Articles of Union, may be orderly translated to vacant charges in this Church.

That clause 2 read thus:—

2. Ministers and licentiates who are designated or commissioned to any Presbytery of this Church, by a Presbytery of any Evangelical Presbyterian Church, may on application and on producing proper documentary evidence of character and standing satisfactory to such Presbytery, be admitted as ministers or probationers of this Church, provided, nevertheless, that the Presbytery may examine said applicants if they see cause.

That clause 3 read as follows:—

3. An applicant for admission as a minister or probationer of this Church, shall only be received into full standing with the express sanction of the General Assembly; provided always, that if on examination of the certificates of such applicant, at an ordinary meeting of Presbytery, and on due consideration of the whole case, the Presbytery be unanimous, they may avail themselves of the services of such applicant in the meantime.

That clause 4 read as clause 3 in the "interim act," with the words "at least sixty days before the meeting of Synod" *deleted*.

The Presbytery next took up consideration of the call to Dr. R. F. Burns from Cote Street, Montreal.

Mr. Gibson, commissioner from the Presbytery of Montreal, and Mr. J. Stirling from the session and congregation of Cote Street, were heard. The Chicago congregation, through the clerk, intimated their concurrence in the call, and Dr. Burns having signified his willingness to accept of it, it was resolved to translate him to Cote Street Church, Montreal, and the clerk was appointed to preach the church in Chicago vacant.

The Resolution passed, on motion of Mr. Kemp, after a preamble, was as follows:

"The Presbytery, in agreeing to translate their brother Dr. Burns to the Presbytery of Montreal, cannot part with him without an expression of regret and esteem. He has been a devoted laborer in a difficult field of the Church, and successfully laid the foundations of an important congregation in the city of Chicago.

"He has been extensively known and highly honored in connection with many Christian and benevolent undertakings in the United States and Canada,