

competing calls in the meantime, and resolve to grant the prayer of the petition, and to request the Synod's Home Mission Committee to grant \$150 as supplemental aid to Lancaster." The question of translation being then resumed, the Rev. J. Fraser replied to the Commissioners from Lancaster, Dalhousie Mills and Vankleekhill; the Rev. J. Anderson declared his purpose to make trial of the charge now offered to him by the congregation of Lancaster with the encouragement of Presbytery; and it was finally agreed, on motion of the Rev. W. B. Clark, seconded by Dr. Irvine, "That the Presbytery of Montreal having heard full statements from the delegates appointed by the congregations of Tiverton and Vankleekhill in reference to competing calls from these congregations to the Rev. John Anderson, of Lancaster, and also statements from the delegates appointed by the congregation of Lancaster and the congregation of Dalhousie Mills—and from the Rev. John Anderson himself—declines to remove Mr. Anderson from Lancaster, and therefore resolves that the calls from the other two places be set aside;" the separation of the congregation of Dalhousie Mills from the congregation of Lancaster to take effect on the first day of April next.

The Quarterly Report of the Home Mission Committee was read by Mr. Gibson, and then considered by the Court. Preachers were distributed among vacancies, and it was resolved to send the Rev. Mr. Hume to labour at Kennebec.

The Draft of General Assembly and District Synods having been considered, article by article, was approved by the Presbytery, with the exception that the Presbytery of Kingston should be added to the proposed Synod of Montreal.

An overture respecting the administration of oaths of testimony having been presented by Prof. McVicar in behalf of Messrs. J. Crombie and A. Young, the Presbytery agreed to transmit it to the Synod.

William Grant was taken on trial, and licensed to preach the Gospel.

A petition from New Glasgow and Resignations, laid on the table by Rev. James Hanran and Rev. Alexander Allan, were appointed to be considered at next meeting of the Presbytery.

The Clerk was instructed to correspond with congregations of the bounds respecting "the state of religion;" and several other matters having been arranged, the Presbytery resolved to adjourn till Wednesday, the twelfth day of May first, when next ordinary meeting shall be held at Montreal, in Côté Street Church, at ten o'clock forenoon.

N.B. Elders' Commissions for Synod and Presbytery should be given in at next meeting of Court.

JAMES WATSON, A.M.,
Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—The Presbytery met in Osgoode on the 2nd February. The state of the weather prevented a large attendance. There were present only six ministers and four elders. In the absence of the moderator, Mr. Wardrope preached the opening sermon and presided.

The papers in the case of Mr. Crombie's translation from Inverness to Smith's Falls having been duly transmitted by the Presbytery of Montreal, Mr. Crombie's induction was appointed to take place on the 4th of March—Mr. McKenzie to preach and preside, Mr. Carswell to address the Pastor, and Mr. Tait the people. Mr. Fraser was appointed to serve the edict on the 21st and 28th of February.

The Rev. W. Freeland, I.L.D., applied to be received as a minister without charge of the Canada Presbyterian Church. Dr. Freeland produced a Presbyterian certificate from the Presbytery of N. Y., of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of the U. S., testifying to his good standing, and "transferring him at his own desire to the Canada Presbyterian Church." After some discussion, touching the powers of the Presbytery under the interim Act of last Synod on the reception of ministers from other Churches, it was moved by Mr.