

PROCEEDINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON—This Presbytery met in Willis Church, Clinton, on Tuesday the 8th day of January, 1867. There was a good attendance of ministers, but few elders. Reports were received from all the weak congregations in the Presbytery, in reply to circular from the Home Mission Committee, which contained resolutions engaging their congregations to raise the advance proposed by the committee. Mr Wm Ferguson was examined with a view to be employed by the Presbytery as a Catechist, and the examination was considered satisfactory.

A considerable time was spent in discussing the advisability of taking a more general over-sight of the religious instruction of the young. The result was a motion appointing a committee empowered to correspond with sessions, to collect information, to report at next meeting, and that the evening *sederunt* be devoted to the hearing and considering of this report. It was intimated that Mr. Chiniquy desired to visit the congregations in this Presbytery, and to receive contributions to aid him in his work. After some discussion this permission was granted, and Mr. Ross was appointed to correspond with Mr. Chiniquy and with congregations, respecting the time and place of these meetings. A committee was appointed to examine the reported receipts and expenditure of the Upper Canada Bible Society, and to report at next meeting. A circular from the committee on Psalmody was read and fully considered. The following motion was unanimously adopted:—That the Presbytery having taken into consideration a circular anent Hymns transmitted to them by a committee of Synod, do, in reference to the first point upon which the committee desire information, beg to report that the Psalmody used by the congregations under the jurisdiction of this Presbytery, is that which they believe to be in general use throughout the church at large, or which was formerly in use in the two branches of the now United Church. Further the Presbytery are of opinion, that any change in the Psalmody of the church, would be in present circumstances extremely unadvisable, and would strongly deprecate any further action in the matter, as it would endanger the harmony of the church.

Considerable time was spent in considering the best means of securing a more adequate stipend for those ministers who have been long settled in charges that have grown and increased in wealth and membership and have not increased the stipend. The result was a committee was appointed to meet with all such congregations in the Presbytery, and to report.

A. D. McDONALD, *Presbytery Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—This Presbytery met in the first Presbyterian Church there on Tuesday 8th January, 1867.

There was a large attendance of ministers and elders.

Rev. Mr. Fletcher was elected Moderator for next six months.

The following is the account of the more important items of business.

A call from first Scotch Congregation of Chicago in favor of Dr Burns of St. Catharines, was sustained. An accompanying document promising \$2500, was also read. The call was forwarded to the Hamilton Presbytery, and Mr Cuthbertson was appointed the Presbytery's Commissioner to prosecute the same.

East and West Adelaide were separated from Strathroy; and also moderation in a call granted Mr Grant to preach at East Adelaide on 22nd, at 1 o'clock a.m., and at West Adelaide at 3 p.m.

The connection between Carlisle and McGillivray was dissolved, and McGillivray and Parkhill were united as one charge, the Presbytery agreeing to take steps to supplement Mr Fletcher's salary to the amount previously received before the separation of McGillivray from his charge.

A moderation in a call was granted to the congregation of Lobo. Mr Fletcher was appointed to attend to that duty on 23rd inst, preaching at Lobo at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 o'clock a.m., and at Caradoc at 3 p.m.