

byterian Presbytery of Glasgow, Scotland, to the effect that he had been received as a Minister without charge into the U. P. Church of Scotland, on the 16th May, 1871, and left again in 1873 for Canada. Mr. Howie was instructed to send in a formal request for readmission to the Canada Presbyterian Church, to be laid before next Assembly—should it still be his wish to be so received.

Mr. Farries, of Paris, was appointed Presbytery Treasurer in room of Mr. Robertson. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Knox Church, Woodstock, on the second Tuesday of July, at one o'clock, p.m.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—This Presbytery met in Wellington Street Church, Chatham, on Tuesday, 24th March, 1874. Upwards of 20 members were present, and a great amount of business transacted. The following is a brief synopsis of the more important items :—

Mersea was separated from Tilbury West for the present summer—a student to be sent to each. Mr. Chiniquy's baptism case was referred to the London Synod.

A petition from Messrs. Warden and Walker, praying the Presbytery to overture the Assembly to organize a Ministers' Mutual Benefit Association, was considered and its prayer granted. The petition, with the By-laws of the contemplated Association, are subjoined.

A satisfactory report being received from a Committee appointed to visit Buxton, the Presbytery agreed to recommend the Home Mission Committee to renew the former supplement.

The following Commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly :—Messrs. McColl, King, Forrest and Warden, Ministers ; and Messrs. Webster, Stanforth, A. Bartlett and K. Urquhart, Elders. Mr. McPherson, of Stratford, was unanimously nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly.

The Remit on Foreign Missions was disapproved of in the present circumstances of the Church. The Remit on Union was adopted *simpliciter* by a vote of 10 to 5 against an amendment asking for a clause in the basis acknowledging the Headship of Christ over his Church.

Another amendment, disapproving of the basis on the ground of its including the Lower Province Churches, received only three votes.

ROBERT H. WARDEN, *Pres. Clerk.*

THE PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met in Central Church, Hamilton, on the 14th and 15th days of April last. The Presbytery, by request of the Home Mission Committee, made arrangements to ordain Mr. Caswell, appointed as a missionary to Silver Islet, Lake Superior. The ordination is to take place in Central Church, on the evening of May 7th—Mr. Rennelson to preach, Mr. Porteous to address the Minister, and Mr. Laing the Congregation.

Mr. Laing reported that parties in the congregations of Saltfleet and Binbrook have respectively subscribed \$28 50 and \$43 00, to be continued annually, as retiring allowance to Mr. Cheyne, their late pastor. The Presbytery, in connection with the case, adopted a resolution, of which the following is the substance : They record their satisfaction with the disposition of the Saltfleet congregation, and with that portion of the Binbrook congregation who desire to secure for their pastor a fair allowance from the congregation, and their regret that the rest of the congregation decline what seems to the Presbytery the dictates of kindly feelings and justice; at the same time accept the terms proposed, and inform the subscribers that they will expect annually that at least the sum mentioned above will be paid on the 1st January in each year. Also that the resignation of Mr. Cheyne be accepted, and that the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund Committee be informed of the action of the Presbytery; and that after the 1st of May next, they will expect Mr. Cheyne will receive the allowance granted from their resources.