

certification and attestation of having been duly served, intimation was given to the people assembled that the Presbytery were now in session, and were ready to hear any objection that might be made against the life or doctrine of Mr. Bentley, or to his being inducted into the pastoral oversight of the congregation of Union Church. After waiting the usual time, and no objection having been offered, the Moderator proceeded to the pulpit and preached from Col. i, 28. Sermon being ended, the Clerk gave a brief narrative of the proceedings in the call to Mr. Bentley, after which the Moderator put to him the questions of the Formula. Satisfactory answers having been returned to these, and Mr. Bentley having expressed his readiness to sign the Formula, and the congregation having, on question put, signified their adherence to their call, the Presbytery, with solemn prayer, admitted the said Mr. Richard Bentley to the pastoral charge of Union Church, Galt, with all the rights and privileges thereto pertaining, and the brethren present gave him the right hand of fellowship. Thereafter Mr. Bentley was addressed by Mr. Torrance, and the congregation by Mr. A. D. McDonald, on their respective duties. Mr. Bentley's name was then added to the Presbytery Roll and he took his seat as a member of the court. The Presbytery then appointed Mr. Torrance to introduce him to the Kirk Session, which was ordered to meet immediately after the rising of the Presbytery. Closed with the benediction.

The Presbytery of Guelph held their last ordinary meeting within Knox Church, Guelph, on 26th December. The attendance of members was large. Of the business transacted the following are the principal items:—

Mr. David McCrae was appointed treasurer, in room of Mr. Middlemiss, resigned, and to whom a cordial vote of thanks was given for the courteous and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of that office during the period it was held by him. A committee appointed at last ordinary meeting to make arrangements for holding a Presbyterian S. S. Convention, reported (1) a copy of circular to be addressed to ministers, ruling elders, deacons, S. S. superintendents, teachers, and friends of S. S. connected with congregations belonging to the Canada Presbyterian Church, in the bounds of this Presbytery, (2) a programme of proceedings for each session, (3) a blank form of certificate for delegates, and (4) a number of questions for collecting statistical information, with the recommendation that said convention be held in Guelph, beginning on the 13th Jan. 1872. After consideration the report was adopted with some amendments, ordered to be printed and a copy sent to each of the S. S. connected through congregations with the Presbytery. On motion it was agreed that the committee be re-appointed with instructions to arrange so far as they can for the accommodation of those from a distance, who may attend the meetings, which were appointed to be held in Chalmers' Church. A call addressed by the congregation of Thamesford, signed by 97 members and 237 adherents, and offering a salary of \$800 a year, with manse and three acres of land, to Mr. Kenneth McDonald, of Duff's Church, Puslinch, was laid on the table, and read, with reasons of translation all duly transmitted by the Presbytery of London. Mr. J. A. McDonald appeared as commissioner from the Presbytery of London, and Mr. Thomas Patterson from the congregation of Thamesford in prosecution of the call. Mr. James McLean appeared for the session, and Mr. McFarlane for the congregation of Duff's Church. Mr. McDonald appeared for himself. The reasons for and against the translation were read. The commissioners on both sides having been heard, Mr. McDonald, on being called on to express his mind, requested the opinion of members of Presbytery. Several of them having done so, Mr. McDonald declined the call, when it was moved and unanimously resolved that the Presbytery have heard with deep interest the statements made by Mr. McDonald, that they express their satisfaction with the decision to which he has come, and at the same time their sympathy with the congregation of Thamesford, and their hope that they may soon obtain a pastor according to their wishes. Parties having been recalled, and the decision of the Presbytery announced to them,