

Proceedings of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—At Montreal, in Knox Church, at ten o'clock forenoon of Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, the Presbytery of Montreal met and was duly constituted by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. D. Paterson; who was succeeded in office by the Rev. Walter Coulthard. There were five sederunts, and present twenty-one ministers and three elders, besides the Rev. Dr. Burns, of Chicago, the Rev. J. Fraser, of Kincardine, and the Rev. William Moore, of Ottawa. The Minutes of the last ordinary meeting were read and sustained, and the Court then proceeded to dispose of the Docket.

The translation of the Rev. John Crombie, of Inverness, craved by the Presbytery of Ottawa in behalf of the congregation of Smith's Falls, being put fairly before the Court and found ready for discussion, Messrs. G. Foster and A. Clark for the congregation of Smith's Falls, with the Rev. W. Moore in room of the Rev. T. Wardrope, for the Presbytery of Ottawa, argued in favor of the translation; Messrs. Duncan Stewart and Angus McKillop, for the congregation of Inverness, opposed. The Rev. J. Crombie expressed his willingness to accept the call from Smith's Falls; and, after prayer for divine direction had been offered up by Dr. Irvine, at the request of the Moderator, the Court Resolved, on motion of the Rev. W. B. Clark, seconded by Dr. Irvine, "That Mr. Crombie be released from his present charge and transferred to the Presbytery of Ottawa; this to take effect on the first day of March next." Subsequently, the Rev. Alexander Young, in behalf of a Committee appointed, brought in the following Minute, which was adopted, viz.: "The Presbytery cannot contemplate the removal of Mr. Crombie from among them without expressing their cordial affection and esteem for their brother. Having been for upwards of thirteen years a Minister within the Bounds, he has laboured most assiduously and faithfully for the promotion of Christ's kingdom both publicly and privately. They certify that, as a member of this Court, his services have been most abundant and efficient. They deeply sympathize with the congregation of Inverness at the loss of his valued ministrations, and will endeavour to supply that loss in the meantime, so far as within their power; and, finally, they pray that the Lord Jesus Christ may greatly bless their brother and prosper him in his future labours."

Next, Minutes of *pro re nata* meetings at Kenyon and Vankleekhill having been read and sustained, the Presbytery took into consideration the translation of the Rev. John Anderson, of Lancaster, craved, on the one hand by the Presbytery of Huron, in behalf of the congregation of Tiverton, and on the other by the congregation of Vankleekhill and East Hawkesbury. Papers relative were read. Parties had been duly notified, and were now represented in Court by the Rev. J. Fraser for the Presbytery of Huron and congregation of Tiverton, Donald Cameron and Peter McLeod for the congregation of Lancaster, George Monro for the congregation of Dalhousie Mills, and the Rev. D. Cameron with Neil Stewart and Malcolm McCuinig for the congregation of Vankleekhill, besides the Rev. John Anderson, Minister of Lancaster and Dalhousie Mills. The calls having been presented, and parties heard for and against the translation, Mr. Anderson expressed a wish to know what action the Court would take on a memorial and petition which had been read from the congregation of Lancaster. Whereupon the Court agreed on the following motion, made by Prof. Macvicar, and seconded by Dr. Irvine: "Whereas a petition from Lancaster has been read, praying that Lancaster be disjoined from Dalhousie Mills and erected into a separate Pastoral charge, retaining Mr. Anderson as Minister; and whereas Mr. Monro, Elder, has appeared as the Representative from Dalhousie Mills, and stated that a meeting of that branch of the congregation has been duly held, at which it was unanimously resolved to acquiesce in the prayer of the petition from Lancaster; therefore, the Presbytery agree to sist proceeding in reference to the