

continue a member of session. There was also read resolutions adopted at a congregational meeting, expressing the most cordial and grateful feelings towards Mr. Laing, but intimating at the same time that they would offer no opposition to the wish of their pastor and the appointment of the General Assembly. Messrs. Hossack and Fletcher were then heard in behalf of the session, and Messrs. McCallum and McNaughton, in behalf of the congregation. The sentiments uttered by the different speakers were in harmony with the resolution above noted. All the members of the court afterwards in succession expressed their views. It was then resolved that Mr. Laing be loosed from his pastoral charge; that Mr. Macwilliam preach at Cobourg on the 24th inst., and declare the church vacant; that Mr. Laing's name remain on the roll of this Presbytery; that the wish of the Session in reference to Mr. Laing's continuing a member thereof be complied with, and that Mr. Donald be appointed Moderator of Session.

It was farther agreed that a committee be appointed to draw up a minute expressive of the strong feeling of respect and attachment with which the Presbytery regard Mr. Laing, and expressing likewise the Presbytery's deep sympathy with the congregation in the loss they sustain through the removal of their pastor.

The Presbytery afterwards made arrangements for meetings to be addressed by the Delegates appointed by the F. M. Committee to visit the congregations within the bounds, in connection with the work of Foreign Missions. It was resolved that at each meeting to be addressed by a Delegate there should be another minister to advocate the claims of the Home Missions.

W. DONALD, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—This Presbytery held its regular quarterly meeting at Owen Sound, on the 12th and 13th days of December. The following are the principal items of business:—

A call was presented from Amabel, in favour of the Rev. A. C. Gillies, but inasmuch as it had only been signed by forty-five members out of a membership of seventy-one, and no commissioners appearing to give explanations, it was sent back to procure additional signatures, and that delegates from the congregation might appear at next meeting.

The congregations of Sullivan and Glenelg, under the pastoral charge of the Rev. J. Cameron, appeared on citation by delegates, and after hearing parties, the Presbytery resolved that these should be separated at the close of their ecclesiastical year, the 16th of February, so as to form two pastoral charges. Mr. Cameron asked and obtained leave till next meeting of Presbytery to decide which of these pastoral charges he would retain the oversight of. It was a matter of great gratification to the Presbytery that this congregation had so prospered, and that they should be separated under such genial and happy circumstances.

The petition of Knox Church, Sydenham, anent certain church property on Union Street, Owen Sound, was taken into consideration by the Presbytery. Mr. Hugh McKay appeared in support of the petition, and Messrs. John Creasor, Alexander Crichton and George C. Cooper, on behalf of Division Street Congregation, O. S., and also Mr. David Durie, on behalf of the Session of said congregation. Mr. H. McKay was heard. The commissioners from Division Street Congregation handed in a protest against the jurisdiction of the court to deal with the title to the property. Mr. McKay was heard in reply, and the parties removed.

After consideration, it was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dewar, and agreed to, That inasmuch as no case has been made out, dismiss the petition, and exhort both parties to come to an agreement among themselves, in the spirit of the finding of Synod. Parties being re-called, and the decision of Presbytery announced to them, the commissioners from Division Street Congregation acquiesced, but Mr. Hugh McKay, commissioner from Knox College,