

the congregation of Brockville, on the 25th of August. Copies of Constitution submitted to the Presbytery for their sanction, by the congregations of Union Church, Galt, and Knox Church, Elora, were referred to a committee, to report at next ordinary meeting. Notice was read from the Presbytery of Simcoe that the Rev. W. Wright, M.A., was dismissed, at his own request, and was no longer a minister or member of the Canada Presbyterian Church. The subject of the debt on the church at New Hamburg was then taken up. The Clerk stated that he had sent notice to the Presbyteries of Paris and Hamilton, requesting that the amount—\$50 each—which had been promised by them, should be sent to Mr. Hunter before the 1st of October; that he had ascertained that the balance for which this Presbytery was liable was \$115; and that he had sent a circular to each congregation in the bounds, as he had been instructed, asking a contribution for the purpose of raising that sum. The Treasurer reported the amount he had received, which, with sums then handed in or promised, would be nearly sufficient to meet the claim. Mr. J. K. Smith asked leave of absence for six months, that he might travel to a more temperate climate with his wife, whose state of health was such as to render it necessary, according to the judgment of her medical adviser, that she should remove from Canada during the winter, and stated the arrangements he had made for the supply of his pulpit. The Presbytery unanimously agreed to grant Mr. Smith's request; to express their deep sympathy with him on the occasion which calls for his departure from them for a time; and their hope that it may, by the blessing of God, be instrumental in restoring Mrs. Smith's health. Further, they trust that he may have opportunity, while away, of glorifying God through the preaching of the gospel of his Son. They commend him with all affection to the confidence of ministers of the Presbyterian churches in the places which he may visit, or at which he may be stopping for a time; and instruct their clerk to furnish him with a copy of this resolution. Mr. Ball was appointed Moderator of the Kirk Session of Knox Church during Mr. Smith's absence. A petition was read from the congregation of Hawksville, praying to be disjoined from Elmira and joined to Winterbourne, when it was agreed that it lie on the table till next ordinary meeting, and that notice be given to all concerned that they may then appear for their interests. Mr. McLennan tendered his resignation of Clifford station, which was accepted. A petition was read from the same station, signed by fourteen individuals, asking to be disjoined from the Presbytery of Guelph and transferred to that of Durham. Mr. A. S. Allan was heard in support of the prayer, and answered questions put to him. On motion, it was resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted, so far as disjunction from this Presbytery is concerned, and the Clerk was instructed to inform the Presbytery of Durham of the action taken, and that it was the wish of the Presbytery of Guelph that they would receive the petitioners, according to their own request, under their charge.

A petition was read from the congregation of Union Church, Galt, transmitted through the Session, asking that one be appointed to moderate in a call. Mr. James McMillan and James Young, Esq., M. P., appeared as commissioners in support of the same, and Mr. James Dalgleish, representative elder, who stated that they proposed giving a salary of \$1200 per annum. It was agreed that the prayer be granted, and Mr. Torrance was authorized to preach and moderate on such a day as the Session may require. A committee which had been appointed to audit the books of the Treasury, reported that they found the accounts and vouchers correct, but called attention to the fact that there were six congregations which had not contributed anything to the Presbytery Fund last year, and six that had not given their due proportion. The names, with the amount for which they were severally liable, were read over, and the Clerk was instructed to communicate with each and request attention to the matter without delay. Mr. Middlemiss tendered his resignation as Treasurer, when it was resolved that consideration of it lie over until next ordinary meeting. A scheme for missionary sermons and meetings was submitted and approved with a slight change, and while no Session was bound to adhere to the arrangement proposed,