

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery met at Paris, in Dumfries Street Church, on 14th ult. The attendance was large. After several commissions from Elders had been received, the Presbytery proceeded to take up a call from Charles Street Congregation, Toronto, addressed to Rev. J. Robertson, of River Street Church, Paris. There appeared for the Presbytery of Toronto and Charles Street Congregation, the Rev. Wm. Reid, M.A., Rev. Professor Young, Rev. J. M. King, M.A., and Mr. James Brown; and for the Congregation of River Street, Paris, Dr. Wm. Clarke, Dr. John Lawrence, Mr. Peter Wilson, Mr. Reith, and others. The documents having been read, with the reason for and against the translation, the several Commissioners addressed the Court. Mr. Robertson was then called upon for his decision, if he saw fit to give it at that meeting. After stating the strong attachment that existed between him and his present congregation and the great difficulty he felt in coming to a decision, he left the case in the hands of the Presbytery, feeling at the same time that the indications of Providence seemed to point to his acceptance of the call.

Mr. McTavish, at the request of the Moderator, having engaged in prayer, the Presbytery proceeded to deliberate and give judgment.

It was then moved by Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. McTavish, and unanimously agreed, "That Mr. Robertson be loosed from his present charge with a view to his induction into the Church and Congregation of Charles Street Church, Toronto, and that he hold himself in readiness to obey the instructions of the Toronto Presbytery; the dissolution of the pastoral tie between him and his present charge to take effect on and after the first Sabbath of May." And further, that the following minutes be engrossed in the records of Presbytery:—"The Presbytery, while reluctantly parting with their beloved brother, Mr. Robertson, desire to record the high estimate in which he has ever been held by his brethren in the Presbytery. As a Christian of the highest type, uniting zeal and devotion for the cause of Christ, with a singular unobtrusiveness of manner and absence of all display; as a scholar of high and varied attainments and the choicest taste; as a preacher and pastor, faithful in his ministry, alike in the pulpit and the family, and as a member of Presbytery, constant in attendance, ever ready to take part in the business of the Court and give his assistance to his brethren on special occasions—his removal leaves a blank not easily filled. The Presbytery, while deeply sympathising with River Street Congregation in the removal of such a pastor, gratefully record the success which has attended his labours since his settlement in Paris, and follow him to his new and important sphere of labour with earnest prayers that the blessing of God may ever attend him in winning souls for the Master."

Mr. Cochrane was appointed Moderator of the Kirk Session of River Street Church, during the vacancy, and Mr. Thomson, of Ayr, appointed to preach in said church, on the second Sabbath in May, and declare the pulpit vacant.

The Presbytery next took up the call from Chalmers' Church, Quebec, to the Rev. Peter Wright, of Ingersoll. The Rev. R. M. Thornton appeared for the Presbytery of Montreal, and Mr. P. Peebles for the congregation in Quebec. Messrs. Hyslop, Mutterer, Runciman and Kerr, appeared on behalf of Erskine Church, Ingersoll. The Commissioners having been heard, Mr. Wright intimated his inability to decide at the present meeting, and craved until next meeting of Presbytery in May, to give his decision, to which the Presbytery agreed.

A call from East Oxford in favour of the Rev. G. Chrystal, of Lyndoch, in the Presbytery of Hamilton, was laid on the table of the Presbytery by Rev. H. McQuarrie. The call was sustained, and the necessary steps were taken for having it issued by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

Mr. Robertson, of Paris, gave in the Report of Committee on the State of Religion, which, on motion, was received and adopted, and the Clerk instructed to forward the same to the Convener of the Assembly's Committee. The thanks of the Presbytery were also tendered to the Committee for their diligence, and especially to the Convener.

The Rev. H. Howie laid upon the table extract minutes of the United Pres-