

There was read an extract of the Presbytery of Brockville anent the case of Rev A. Lees. After some consideration the following finding was unanimously adopted, viz. This Presbytery express their disappointment and regret the course taken by the Presbytery of Brockville in having first claimed jurisdiction over the Rev A. Lees, and in having removed it when called upon to exercise it; and now inasmuch as the Presbytery of Brockville refuse to take action on the charges against Mr. Lees, and sent down by this court, this Presbytery in view of all the difficulties of the case, agree to refer the whole matter simpliciter to the Synod.

A call was laid on the table from the congregation of Columbus and Brooklin, addressed to the Rev. Thomas Wardrope of Ottawa. The call was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted, along with reasons of translation from the same congregations, which were also read, and Dr. Thornton was appointed to represent the Presbytery in prosecuting said call before the Presbytery of Ottawa.

Mr. Monteath, having previously tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge, pressed now the acceptance of it, urging as his sole reason for resigning, that the field of labour was too limited, and the income arising therefrom insufficient. Commissioners were heard from the congregation, deprecating the dissolution of the bond referred to. And the Presbytery expressed a similar aversion on the matter. But as Mr. Monteath adhered to the tender he had made, his resignation was accepted. And Messrs Lawrence and Burns were appointed a committee for the purpose of preparing a minute expressive of the Presbytery's regard for Mr. Monteath, and their sense of regret in parting with him as a co presbyter, the said committee to report at next ordinary meeting.

PRESBYTERY OF GREY.—This Presbytery held their ordinary quarterly meeting on the 27th and 28th September.

The Presbytery resolved to insert in their Record the following minute regarding their departed brethren, the late Rev. Donald McLean, Mount Forest, and the late Rev. James McDowall, St. Vincent, &c.

"The Presbytery would humbly acknowledge the hand of God in the removal of the Rev. James McDowall, St. Vincent, &c., and the Rev. Donald McLean, Mount Forest, since their last meeting. They would record their high sense of the varied excellencies and attainments of their beloved brethren, and the sorrow with which they lose their counsel in Presbytery, and their co-operation in the work of the Gospel on earth, for which they were so highly qualified. They would bow before the Sovereign Ruler, who has been pleased to remove two of their number from their labours on earth in the early beginning of their way; and, while hearkening to the solemn call thus addressed to them to be faithful and watchful, they would encourage and animate themselves by the example of their brethren especially by the patience and diligence they both so long displayed in the midst of great suffering and weakness.

"The Presbytery would also express the deepest and tenderest sympathy with their young, and thus early bereaved partners; they would commit them to the care and love of the widow's God, and would pray that they may in their future way experience abundantly the rich consolations of the Gospel."

After full enquiry, the amount needed ab extra to enable the several congregations within the bounds in arrears of stipend to their ministers to liquidate these arrears was found to be altogether at least about \$500.

A letter was received from Mr. Frazer, Port Elgin, resigning the pastoral charge of that congregation. It was agreed that the letter lie on the table, and that the congregation be cited to appear for their interests in the matter at next ordinary meeting.

A petition was received from Mount Forest praying for the moderation of a call, which was granted.

A petition was received from Tara, praying, in connection with Amabel, for the moderation of a call, also petitions from N. Sullivan, and Derby praying the Presbytery to take steps to unite these stations with Tara, with a view to a call. It was agreed that a committee consisting of Messrs. Bremner, Stevenson, and J. Cameron ministers, and Mr. McKenzie, Elder, be appointed to visit at their earliest convenience these stations to unite them in order to the settlement of a minister among them, and that to expedite the settlement, the committee report to an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held at Owen Sound, Oct. 25 at 3 p.m.