

to meet in Knox Church, Stratford, on Wednesday the eleventh day of May next, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., and to produce all documents in their possession relative to the matter of the petition of Mr. Mann.

MR. CAMERON'S PROTEST AND APPEAL.

Mr. Cameron then continued his address in support of his protest and appeal against a decision of the Maitland Presbytery, followed by Mr. McQueen, the other appellant. Messrs. Sutherland and Leask were heard on behalf of the Presbytery, and Messrs. McKinnon and Henderson on behalf of the parties seeking the new church organization.

Questions having been put and answered, the parties were removed from the bar.

It was moved by Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Thos. McPherson, that the protest and appeal be sustained, in so far as the Synod deem it inexpedient to organize another congregation in present circumstances, at so short a distance from Lucknow as 2½ miles, and in a locality already furnished with the means of grace. The Synod therefore remit the matter to the Presbytery to organize, if necessary, said congregation, at some point where a new organization will not interfere with existing congregations, or where it may be united with some other congregation already existing in the neighborhood.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. N. McKinnon, that the protest and appeal be sustained, in so far as the Synod deem it inexpedient to organize another congregation in present circumstances at so short a distance from Lucknow as 2½ miles, and in a locality already furnished with the means of grace; and in view of what appears to be a division of the charge known as South Kinloss or Lucknow, which the Presbytery has recognized, remit to the Presbytery to make further effort to restore harmony; but should this be found impracticable, instruct the Presbytery to have the church located on the 4th Concession.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Straith, seconded by Mr. N. Paterson, that inasmuch as the locality in which a new congregation is asked lies so adjacent to four established organizations, in all of which the gospel is preached in the language of the petitioners; and inasmuch as the proposed congregation could only subsist and increase by weakening others in the neighborhood, therefore sustain the appeal, in so far as it lies against a separate organization, and recommend the Presbytery to use conciliatory measures toward the petitioners, and prevent if possible the formation of another congregation in that locality.

The vote having been taken, the second amendment was lost when put against the first, and the first amendment of Mr. Laing having been put against the main motion of Dr. Cochrane, the latter was carried by a large majority.

Parties having been recalled, the judgment of the court was intimated to them by the Moderator, in which they acquiesced.

Mr. Leask, on behalf the Presbytery of Maitland, craved extracts, which were granted.

Mr. Cameron also craved extracts, which were also granted.

OVERTURE ON PSALMODY.

An Overture on Psalmody transmitted by the Presbytery of Chatham, was then read. Mr. Frank B. Stewart appeared on its behalf.