

After hearing all parties, the Presbytery of Cobourg, Mr. Andrews, and representatives of both sections in the congregation, both those attached to the ministry of Mr. Andrews, and those who do not attend on his ministry, and after visiting both branches of the United Congregation—Keene and Westwood, and receiving all the evidence that was to be obtained, the Commission unanimously adopted the following as their deliverance:—

The Commission having heard parties in the case, and having, after full investigation of all the circumstances connected with it, given the opportunity to any one interested to make whatever statement he might deem relevant, and fitted to bring out the truth.

Find 1st. That there were sufficient grounds to justify the Presbytery of Cobourg in taking action in this case.

2nd. That the charges against Mr. Andrews may be resolved substantially into these, viz: acts of indiscretion and unbecoming levity of a peculiarly offensive kind; disregard of the authority of the Presbytery, and indifference as to its actings in his case; and arbitrariness of procedure in the management of the affairs of the Session, along with a want of respect for the constitutional rights of its members.

3rd. That whilst the Commission are of opinion that some of the particular acts specified in these charges have not been borne out by satisfactory evidence to the extent alleged, yet, in regard to others, they have been so established, by ample testimony, as to force upon the Commission the unanimous and decided conviction that the conduct of Mr. Andrews has been inconsistent with his character and profession, calculated to injure his real usefulness in the congregation, and to defeat the ends of Presbyterial order and discipline.

4th. That in consequence, whilst the great body of the people still express their confidence in Mr. Andrews, and their attachment to him, and to his ministry, a majority of the Session, and a considerable portion of the members and adherents in both stations under his care have become alienated from him, and have, in several instances ceased to attend on his ministrations.

5th. That the proceedings of the Presbytery of Cobourg, in dealing with this case, have, either from a desire to act tenderly towards their brother, or, from tardiness of action, failed to bring out its various aspects with sufficient precision, and have not been marked throughout by that regard to regularity, and to the laws of the Church, which would have been desirable.

6th. That after prayerful and deliberate consideration of the whole case, the Commission do not feel themselves warranted to take or recommend such measures as might tend to the dissolution of the pastoral tie.

But resolve 1st. That Mr. Andrews be affectionately, but solemnly admonished in regard to his past behaviour, and entreated to maintain greater circumspectness in his conduct, to abstain from the very appearance of evil, to avoid all just grounds of offence, that so the interests of the Church and cause of Jesus Christ may not suffer through him, and to devote himself with increased earnestness and zeal to promote the spiritual welfare of the flock committed to his care.

2. That as the Commission, whilst anxious to heal the present divisions in the Congregation, and to restore unanimity, yet feel that respect is due to the conscientious convictions of those who have withdrawn from the ministrations of Mr. Andrews, the Presbytery of

Cobourg be empowered to make provision, in the meantime, if required, for supplying them with ordinances.

3. That the Moderator of the Commission be appointed now to admonish Mr. Andrews in their presence, and further to preach in the Churches of Keene and Westwood, on Sabbath the 5th day of August, and thereafter to read this their deliverance to the people, accompanying the same with such counsels as he may deem suitable in the present distracted condition of the congregation, and as may, through the blessing of God, tend to produce in all concerned, a state of mind and feeling becoming the Gospel of Christ.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held at London, on the 7th Aug., when the following items of business were transacted:—

The call from Millbank, Mornington, to the Rev. David Beattie, was taken up. Parties were heard, Mr. Beattie was also heard, and intimated his acceptance of the call. The Presbytery agreed to translate Mr. Beattie, and appointed his induction to take place at Millbank, on the 22nd day of Aug., at 11 o'clock, A. M. Mr. Doak to preach and preside, Mr. Allan to address the Minister, and Mr. McMullen to address the people.

Mr. Doak was appointed to declare the Church at St. Mary's vacant on the 26th Aug.

The following Committee was appointed to advise with the congregation at St. Mary's, in regard to the financial and other matters affecting the interest of the congregation, viz:—Messrs. Thos. McPherson, Wm. Doak, and A. Young; Mr. McPherson, Convener. Parties were heard on the call from Knox's Church, Ingersoll, to the Rev. John Strath, and after deliberation the Presbytery agreed that Mr. Strath be not translated. Parties acquiesced in the decision. The Committee appointed to meet with the congregation at Port Stanley, to make arrangement anent the proposed union with the congregation at St. Thomas, gave in their report, and on the recommendation thereof, the Presbytery agreed to unite the said congregations under the pastoral charge of the Rev. Alex. Young.

The constitution of the congregation at Southampton was taken up, and the committee appointed to examine the said constitution, gave in their report.

The Presbytery agreed to receive the report of the Committee, and to express their concurrence generally with the report, but in the prospect of a Union being shortly consummated between the U. P. Church and the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, that a grand final decision in regard to the said constitution, be deferred in the meantime.

A petition was received and read, from a "Congregational Meeting held in the Presbyterian Church, Corunna," and certain delegates from Bear Creek and Mooreton praying for the moderation of a call to the Rev. John Gauld. The Presbytery agreed that the petition lie on the table, and that the Clerk be instructed to correspond with the chairman of the said meeting, anent the petition.

The following appointments were made, viz:

The Rev. John Gauld, to preach at St. Mary's, on the first two Sabbaths in Sept., and at Ingersoll on the third and fourth Sabbaths.

The Rev. Jas. Findlay to preach at St. Mary's, on the fourth Sabbath of Sept.

The Presbytery adjourned, to meet at London, on the 25th Sept., at 2 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM DOAK, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton held its usual ordinary meeting at Hamilton, on Tuesday the 14th instant, when the Rev. R. F. Burns, of St. Catherine's was elected Moderator for the ensuing 12 months.

Mr. Fletcher, student in Theology, having completed his course at Knox College, was, after the usual examination and in the usual way, licensed to preach the gospel.

Mr. Black of Caledonia, brought before the Presbytery, the case of Mr. James Mitchell, who having taken his Degree at Toronto University, purposes to enter Knox College next session. The Presbytery agreed to accept his Degree of A. B. in lieu of the ordinary examination on Literary subjects before entrance at Knox College, and having further examined him by a committee, on the subjects of personal Religion, and his views to the ministry, agreed also to receive him as a student under their care, and instructed the Clerk to issue the necessary certificates.

Applications for moderating in calls were made from the Congregations of Paris, Minto, and Dunnville, which were granted. A similar application was made by the congregation at Lansville, which was ordered to lie on the table in the meantime.

Having made the necessary arrangements for the supply of Mission stations and vacant congregations within their bounds, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Knox's Church, Hamilton, on Wednesday, the 12th of September, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

J. GILLESPIE, Clerk, pro tem.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery met at Cobourg on the 14th day of August.

The Rev. Mr. Alexander was appointed Moderator for the next six months.

The Clerk read a report from Mr. McGuire of his labours at Warsaw. The Presbytery agreed to record their satisfaction with Mr. McGuire's labours, and of the state of matters at Warsaw. Mr. Laing was appointed to visit and to preach at Warsaw, on the 3rd September; the Presbytery on that day to provide for the supply of his pulpit.

Mr. Laing reported that a there was a near prospect of Union with the U. P. Church, and as this would cause a new arrangement of Presbyteries, it was considered advisable to delay the visiting of the new townships at the back of Peterboro'.

The mission field of Messrs Roger, Blain, and Bowie was considered. Mr. Laing with Messrs Roger and Blain, were appointed to visit a place some miles from Peterboro', where it was thought that a station might be found.

Mr. Bowie tendered his resignation of the congregation at Warsaw, one of the stations belonging to his charge, on account of the great extent of his field of labour, and he in preference of the congregation of Hassings Parties were ordered to be cited.

Inquiry was made in regard to the collection for the Colportage scheme. The members present stated what had been done in their congregations, and the clerk was instructed to