

TO THE REVEREND THE PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

"The undersigned would respectfully request the Presbytery of Paris to adopt and transmit the following Overture to the General Assembly at its meeting in June next:—

"Whereas it is the duty of Christian congregations, as is universally recognized in the call given to Pastors, to care for the temporal comfort of their ministers, as far as lies within their power;

"And whereas in different parts of our country, on account of the scarcity of suitable dwelling houses, many of the ministers of the Canada Presbyterian Church are put to very great inconvenience and heavy expense, and compelled to live in houses, uncomfortable and unhealthy, and not in keeping with their position;

"And whereas the large majority of the congregations of our Church are now so situated as to enable them, with comparatively little effort, to provide suitable manses for their ministers;

"It is therefore humbly overtured by the undersigned, that the General Assembly take the whole question into their serious consideration, with a view to initiating such steps as may gradually lead to the erection of manses in connection with every pastoral charge in the Canada Presbyterian Church."

The Presbytery unanimously adopted the Overture, and agreed to transmit it to the ensuing General Assembly, and Messrs. Cochran and Lowry were appointed to support the same.

Mr. Cochran, from the Committee appointed to draft a minute in reference to the translation of Mr. McCuaig, submitted the following, which, on motion duly seconded, was adopted by the Presbytery, ordered to be engrossed in the minutes, and a copy of the same sent to Mr. McCuaig:—

"The Presbytery, in agreeing reluctantly to the translation of the Rev. Finlay McCuaig, beg to express their sense of the great loss they have sustained by his leaving their bounds.

"The Presbytery desire to record their high approval of Mr. McCuaig's diligence in attending upon the meetings of Presbytery; his readiness at all times to take part in the business of the Court; and his great success as a faithful and laborious pastor in the congregations of Ratho and Innerkip. They also desire to testify to his uniform amiability and Christian deportment towards his brethren in the Presbytery.

"They would further assure their brother that the members of the Presbytery follow him to his new and important field of labour with their best wishes and earnest prayers for his abundant success in winning souls to Christ."

The annual financial and statistical returns were brought under the notice of Presbytery. It was found, on examination, that no arrears of stipend were due for the year.

The case of the Rev. Stephen Balmer was under the consideration of the Presbytery. Minutes of the Presbytery of Cobourg were read in reference to their action in the matter. The Presbytery agreed to record their indebtedness to the Presbytery of Cobourg for their kindness and diligence, and requested them to act still further in the case as circumstances may warrant.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to hold its next regular meeting within River Street Church, Paris, on the first Tuesday of August next, at 11, a. m.

WILLIAM COCHRANE, *Presb. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—This Presbytery held its last regular meeting on the 10th May within Bank Street church, Ottawa. There were present ten ministers and four elders. The Rev. W. Gregg, of Toronto, was nominated Moderator of the General Assembly to meet in June next, and Mr. James Whyte, minister, and George Kay, elder, appointed to represent the Presbytery on the Committee of Bills and Overtures.