

seconded by Rev. J. Dick, the Moderator's conduct in calling the meeting was unanimously approved of. The presbytery then proceeded to consider the matter set forth in the circular. On behalf of the requisitionists, Principal Caven was heard at considerable length. Mr. Macdonnell was also heard at full length on his own behalf. It was then moved by Professor McLaren, and seconded by the Rev. J. Smith, that the Presbytery having had their attention called to the teaching of a sermon said to have been preached by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on the 26th September last, and having heard his explanations in reference thereto, agree to appoint a committee to confer with him, and to report at a subsequent sederunt. In amendment, it was moved by the Rev. D. Mitchell, and seconded by Rev. Dr. Jennings, "Whereas from the explanations given by Mr. Macdonnell, the doctrine of the sermon is considerably modified; whereas, from the sincere and loyal attachment given this day by Mr. Macdonnell to the government and practice of the Church, we have good reason to feel confidence in him; Resolved that the matter in discussion be now dismissed." A vote was taken on the foregoing, when 7 voted for the amendment and 21 for the motion. The motion was therefore declared carried, and agreeably to its terms the following were appointed a committee for the purpose specified therein, viz: the Moderator, Principal Caven, Professors Gregg and McLaren, Revs. J. M. King, Wm. Reid, J. T. Robb, J. Carmichael of King, W. Aitken, J. Dick, J. Breckenridge, and J. Smith. Professor McLaren to be convener.

At the evening sederunt the following report was read from the above named committee:—"The Committee having conferred at length with the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., finds as follows: '1. While admitting the general correctness of the reports of the sermon, Mr. Macdonnell stated that there were some omissions and some alterations, the general effect of which was to lead to the supposition that he had declared his acceptance of the doctrine of the final restoration of all, and denied the eternity of future punishment, whereas he had simply stated the difficulty he had in arriving at any conclusion. 2. Mr. Macdonnell stated that he felt it was unwise to speak in a way not in harmony with the Confession of Faith on this particular subject, when his own mind was in a state of perplexity, and expressed his regret for doing so. 3. Mr. Macdonnell engaged, while seeking further light on this subject, not to contravene the teaching of the Confession of Faith on this point in his public ministry, and expressed his willingness to state his views on this matter to the Presbytery when called upon. And further, in view of the above explanations and statements, the committee beg to recommend to the Presbytery for adoption the following deliverance: 'That the Presbytery, taking the premises into consideration, agrees that time be granted to Mr. Macdonnell to consider more carefully the question involved, in the hope that his views may soon be brought into complete harmony with those of the Church. But the Presbytery recognizing the fundamental importance of the doctrine of the eternity of future punishment, as taught in the Confession of Faith, and the necessity of maintaining in its integrity the Church's testimony thereto, requires Mr. Macdonnell to report to this court as to his agreement with the teaching of the Confession on the doctrine in question, not later than the last regular meeting before the next General Assembly.'" On motion made by Mr. Mitchell, it was agreed to receive this report. And on motion made by Principal Caven, seconded by Mr. King, the report was also unanimously adopted. The meeting was then closed with the benediction—a meeting which all who were apprized of it had looked forward to with a large measure of anxiety and interest.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—The Presbytery of Guelph met on the 9th of November, in St. Andrew's Church, according to appointment. With a few exceptions all the members were present. The statistical and financial reports of the Presbytery as published by the Assembly of the late Canada Presbyterian Church were examined, and those instances noted in which Congregations had not contributed to all the schemes of the Church. The Committee to arrange for