

Proceedings of Presbyteries, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

This Presbytery met in the City of Ottawa on the 5th of November. There were present nine ministers and only two elders.

Mr. Wallace, Agent of the French Canadian Missionary Society, being present, was invited to sit with the Presbytery.

The evening sederunt was occupied chiefly with devotional exercises.

The reports from the several missionaries within the bounds for the past four months, were received, considered and disposed of.

The following appointments were made for the services of the new missionaries till next meeting:—

Mr. Howie, to Pembroke.

Mr. Scott, the first two Sabbaths to Fitzroy and Tarbolton, and afterwards to alternate between the E. Gloucester Stations and Wakefield; giving two Sabbaths to each place in rotation, beginning with Wakefield.

Mr. Wilson, the first two Sabbaths in January to Fitzroy and Tarbolton, and the remainder of the time to Dalhousie.

The following ministers were appointed moderators of the sessions of the vacant congregations, with power to dispense sealing ordinances.

Fitzroy and Tarbolton.....	Mr. Scott.
Pembroke	Mr. Fraser.
Dalhousie.....	Mr. Duncan.
Wakefield	Mr. McEwen.

The Moderator, Mr. Duncan and the Clerk, were appointed a committee to draft a series of questions to be proposed to missionaries before leaving the bounds. At a subsequent diet a number of queries were submitted, and received an interim sanction from the Presbytery.

There was read a circular letter from the Presbytery of Cobourg *anent* Mr. A. C. Stewart, an applicant for admission into the Church. The action taken in this matter is to be communicated to the Cobourg Presbytery.

An appeal by Mr. P. Dalgleish against a finding of the Session of Osgoode, was disposed of by the following motion, submitted by Mr. T. Wardrope, and seconded by Mr. Duncan:

"That the Presbytery sustain the appeal, in so far as the Session had refused to acknowledge Mr. P. Dalgleish as an elder, by declining to insert his name in the sederunt; and that in reference to the other matter, the Presbytery declare that, while irregularities may have occurred in not giving due intimation of meetings of Session, these have arisen from inadvertence and not from design: that the Presbytery also express regret at the precipitancy in citing Mr. Dalgleish, and remit to the Session—if further action be deemed necessary—to proceed in accordance with the laws of the Church.

"That, at the same time, the Presbytery pronounce the course pursued by Mr. Dalgleish, and the language employed by him, in reference to his minister, as sinful, inconsistent with his ordination vows, and calculated to neutralize the influence of the minister, and hamper the Session in the exercise of a Scriptural discipline."

The subject of missionary meetings having been seriously considered, it was agreed to divide the bounds into three sections, with the view of fully overtaking this important work.

West Section:—Smith's Falls, Perth, Dalhousie, Ramsay and Beckwith. *Missionary Committee* appointed:—Mr. Duncan, Mr. Aitken, Mr. McKinnon and Mr. McKenzie.

East Section:—Ottawa, Aylmer and Nepean, Osgoode and Russell, Cumberland and Lochaber, Wakefield and Mission Stations. *Missionary Committee*:—Mr. T. Wardrope, Mr. Gourlay, Mr. Whyte and Mr. McEwen.

Central Section:—MacNab, Bristol, Renfrew, Pakenham and Arnprior, Pembroke, Fitzroy and Tarbolton. *Missionary Committee*:—Mr. Fraser, Mr. D. Wardrope, Mr. Lochend and Mr. Scott.

The first named in the list to be convener, and returns to be given in at next meeting of Presbytery.

It was remitted to the Western Section to endeavour to give supply to Dalhousie, and to the Central to Fitzroy and Tarbolton, supplementary to the services of the missionaries.