

## PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

The ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 30th of December. Mr. Smilie, of Fergus, Moderator. Thirteen ministers and six elders were present.

The Presbytery resolved, besides appointing supplies for the stations already established within the bounds, to begin missionary operations in E. Luther and Amaranth, and appointed Mr. John Irvine to labour in these townships for some weeks.

A call to Mr. George Cuthbertson, of Woolwich, from the congregation of St. Thomas having been laid on the table, the Presbytery agreed to meet on the 20th of January to hear parties, and to determine in reference to the case. The Presbytery also resolved to consider remits from the Synod at their meeting on that day.

A copy of resolutions of the Eramosa congregation, in reference to their tenure of their church property, concluding with asking the Presbytery to seek the repeal of the 7th section of the Church Property Act, passed in view of the union, was laid on the table. The consideration of the subject was delayed till next meeting.

On motion made by Mr. Torrance, it was unanimously agreed that the clerk's salary should be raised to eighty dollars.

J. MIDDLEMISS, *Pres. Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

The Presbytery of Huron met in Willis' church, Clinton, on Tuesday the 14th of January. There were eleven ministers and five elders present.

The Rev. Wm. C. Young's resignation was accepted. He retains Amleyville and Wroxeter.

The call from Blythe, Manchester, and Hullett was accepted by Mr. Stewart, his induction to take place on the 28th inst.

The attention of the Presbytery was directed to the services rendered to the church in this land by the Rev. C. Fletcher, during a period of nearly twenty years. It was agreed to bring the case under the notice of the Synod, and to request that he be placed upon an equality with others of the same class, whose names are now upon the Synod roll; also to recommend to the Synod to admit him to the W. Lows' Fund, and Aged and Infirmary Ministers' Fund, on an equal footing with the other ministers of the late U. P. Church, and that in the meantime he be associated with the Presbytery as a corresponding member, and that his services, so far as they are at the disposal of the Presbytery, be taken advantage of for the supply of vacancies and mission station.

The donation of certain volumes to the ministers of this Presbytery was received, and the clerk was instructed to forward through Dr. Ormiston to J. Henderson, Esq., of Park, the cordial thanks of the Presbytery for his valuable donation.

A. D. McDONALD, *Pres. Clerk.*

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An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held on Tuesday, 20th January, eleven ministers and six elders being present. Drs. Irvine and Ormiston, of Hamilton, and Mr. John McMillan, of Fingal, were associated.

The Presbytery, after hearing parties in the case of the call to Mr. Cuthbertson from the St. Thomas congregation, unanimously agreed to his translation.

Mr. Middlemiss was instructed to organize a congregation on the town line between Wallace and Minto, and Mr. Millican to organize a congregation in the North of Eramosa.

The petition of the Eramosa congregation, in reference to the control of Presbyteries over church property, was, after lengthened consideration of the subject, unanimously referred *simpliciter* to the Synod.

The Presbytery unanimously approved of the principle of a General Assembly, the opinion being generally expressed that it would be unwise in the Church to commit itself to any details, till after the most mature deliberation on the part of the various Presbyteries on a carefully prepared overture on the subject.

The Barrier Act was unanimously approved of, a slight alteration being proposed with the view of making it more apparent that the Act requires, not a majority of Presbyteries actually making returns, but a majority of the Presbyteries of the Church.