

NICOL, MR. P.—LICENSURE OF.

There was transmitted by the Committee on Bills and Over-Nicol, Mr. P.,
 tures an extract-minute of proceedings of the Presbytery of
 Chatham in regard to the licensure of Mr. Peter Nicol, a student
 of divinity, setting forth that, owing to some omission or over-
 sight, the General Assembly had not granted leave to the Pres-
 bytery to take Mr. Nicol on trial for license; that the Presbytery
 seeing that Mr. Nicol's certificates were highly satisfactory, and
 that application had been made by them in the usual form to
 the General Assembly for leave to license him, resolved under
 the circumstances to proceed with the licensure of Mr. Nicol, and
 to report their action to the adjourned meeting of the Assembly
 in November, for their sanction; and that Mr. Nicol having
 read the discourses prescribed by the laws of the Church, had
 been duly licensed by the Presbytery as a preacher of the gospel.

After explanation from the Corresponding Clerk of the
 Assembly, on motion, the Assembly sanctioned the action of the
 Presbytery of Chatham, in the premises.

MANITOBA PRESBYTERY—CO-OPERATION, OVERTURE ON.

The Assembly took up an overture, delayed from the meeting
 at Ottawa, transmitted by the Presbytery of Manitoba, and bear-
 ing the signature of certain members of said Presbytery, in
 reference to co-operation in Church work, under certain regulations,
 specified, with Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in
 connection with the Church of Scotland. The overture was read.
 It was further stated by Mr. Reid, that a memorial had lately
 been received from the Presbytery of Manitoba, adopting the
 said overture as their own, and praying the Assembly to adopt
 the scheme of co-operation set forth therein.

The Assembly, on account of the lateness of the hour, agreed
 to defer consideration of this overture at the present Sederunt.

DISSENT—REASONS OF—MR. J. MIDDLEMISS.

There were here submitted and read, reasons of dissent by Mr. James
 Middlemiss from the action of the Assembly, at last Sederunt,
 on the Report of the Committee on the Returns to the Remit on
 Union. The reasons were received, and ordered to be entered on
 the minutes, and are as follows:—

"The undersigned dissents from the decision of the General
 Assembly approving *simpliciter* of the Remit on Union, for the
 following reasons, viz:—

1. The said decision, in accordance with the terms of the
 preamble of the said remit, involves an acknowledgment that
 the Church of Scotland, as at present constituted, holds the same
 doctrine, government, and discipline as this Church does.

2. The said decision, in accordance with the terms of the
 resolution on the mode of worship, contained in said remit,
 practically legalizes any irregular practice that may have crept, as
 such practices almost invariably do, into congregations previous
 to the contemplated Union.

(Signed),

JAMES MIDDLEMISS.

Toronto, Nov. 4, 1874.