

NICOL, MR. P.—LICENSURE OF.

There was transmitted by the Committee on Bills and Over-
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.

Nicol, Mr. P.
Licensure of
Presbytery,
Chatham.

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

Presbytery's
action
sanctioned.

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 paying the Assembly to adopt
the scheme of co-operation set forth therein.

Co-operation
—Manitoba
Presbytery.

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

Considera-
tion deferred

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:—

Dissent—
Union—Mr.
J. Middle-
miss.

"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."