

have declared themselves unwilling to pay any part of said claim; when it was agreed to appoint the next meeting at St. Mary's, on the 21-st July, and to proceed at said meeting with this case, and that intimation thereof be made by Mr. Caven, from his pulpit, on the two preceding Sabbaths.

After disposing of several other items of business, the Presbytery adjourned.

The Presbytery met again, at St. Mary's, on the 21st July.

Mr. Caven reported that he had given intimation of this meeting, as instructed by the Presbytery.

The names of new applicants for certificates were taken down; when it appeared that the whole number of applicants amounted to fifty, that one had paid \$4 65c. towards Mr. Beattie's claim, and two others had expressed their willingness to pay a portion of said claim, and they had received their certificates, that five had expressed themselves willing to pay a portion of the claim, and forty-two were not willing to pay any part of it.

The Presbytery agreed to adhere to their former decision in regard to those who were willing to pay their fair proportion of the claim, and to grant them certificates, and proceeded to take up the application of those who declared themselves unwilling to pay any part of the claim.

Mr. John Adair being called, compeared. He stated that he had paid his seat rent and subscriptions to the Congregation of Chalmers' Church, that on an agreement being entered into between Mr. Beattie and the Trustees, that Mr. Beattie should be paid a certain amount of the arrears due him within a specified time, and he would forgive them the balance, an appeal was made to the congregation, that he, Mr. Adair, subscribed towards the payment of this amount on the understanding that no further claim should be made upon him in connection with the arrears due Mr. Beattie, that when the amount agreed upon was paid Mr. Beattie gave them a receipt, in full, that he does not consider himself under obligation to pay a part of the claim now preferred by Mr. Beattie, and it is not his intention to contribute anything towards the payment of it.

It was moved by Mr. Doak, seconded by Mr. Drummond,

That the Presbytery, after investigation, having found that the only objection to the granting of a certificate of membership to Mr. Adair is the claim preferred by Mr. Beattie against the Congregation of Chalmers' Church, and whereas, that in the judgment of this Court, he has done all which can justly be required of him, in regard to said claim, that a certificate be granted.

It was moved in amendment, by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Mundell,

That inasmuch as Mr. Adair has done nothing in the way of meeting Mr. Beattie's claim, and moreover declares that he is determined to do nothing, his certificate be not granted.

On a vote being taken the motion was carried, and the Presbytery declared in terms thereof.

Against this decision, Mr. McPherson craved leave that his dissent be marked in the Minutes for reasons to be afterwards given in.

Mr. Beattie dissented, and protested for leave to complain to the Synod, and craved extracts.

It was moved by Mr. Doak, seconded by Mr. Hall,

That Mr. McPherson be allowed to enter his dissent, and that inasmuch as the action taken by Mr. Beattie would, if allowed, be injurious to the interests of religion in the village of St. Mary's, and moreover, opposed to the decision of Synod, in this case, that he be permitted only to enter his dissent, and should he feel aggrieved, he may seek redress by going to the Synod by petition and complaint.

It was moved in amendment, by Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. Mundell,

That Mr. Beattie be allowed to protest and complain, but till the Synod decides the matter, Mr. Adair be allowed to enjoy Church privileges, and be recommended to the care of the Session of Widder Street Church, as under their inspection.

On a vote being taken, the amendment was carried, and the Presbytery decided accordingly.

Thereafter, a similar decision was given respecting eighteen of the applicants. Three applicants received their certificates, as the judgment of the Presbytery in their case was not complained against. Other applicants, not being present, Mr. Hall was re-appointed to issue certificates to those who declare themselves willing to pay their proportion of the claim; to receive new applications, and in regard to