

A special meeting was held in Prescott on the 24th of August, to sustain a call from the congregation of Prescott to Mr. J. Hastie. A notice of Mr. Hastie's subsequent settlement in circumstances of great promise has already appeared in the Record for October.

Presbytery again met, according to adjournment, at Kemptville on the 19th September, the Moderator, Mr. Traver, presiding. The minutes of the August meeting bearing upon the business in hand were read. In accordance with notice given, there appeared representatives from both branches of the congregation of South Gower and Mountain, who were heard at length. These representatives stated that they could not raise a full salary for a minister—that under the circumstances they would be well pleased with services in their respective churches every second Lord's day.

Before taking any action in reference to this vacant congregation, the Presbytery next took up the case of supplemented congregations. It was found that Kemptville was the only one now on the list. This congregation had also been notified to appear for its interests at the present meeting, and to show reason why the supplement formerly received should not be partially or wholly withdrawn. Two representatives of the Kemptville congregation were present. From these it was found that the congregation was not yet in a position to make up any deficiency that might accrue from a withdrawal of the present supplement. No representatives appeared from the Oxford Mills station, though similar notice had been given to them.

After lengthened consideration, and in view of the two cases before the Court, the Presbytery adopted the following finding:—

That, inasmuch as the congregations of Kemptville, and South Gower and Mountain, cannot, as separate charges, provide themselves with a settled ministry without a supplement of at least two hundred dollars in the one case, and one hundred in the other; and inasmuch as there is the new prospect of a union between the two great Presbyterian bodies of the Dominion, when a re-construction of the stations of this entire region must necessarily take place;—therefore resolved, That for one year from the 1st of October next, the present minister of Kemptville be requested to apportion his services to the whole field as follows: every Lord's-day morning to preach in Kemptville; every second Sabbath afternoon to preach in South Gower, and on the evening of the same Sabbath in Kemptville; and on the alternate Sabbath afternoon in the church in Mountain. That for these services, and pastoral duties connected therewith, the congregation of Kemptville pay as their proportion of the salary the sum of \$300, and the two stations of South Gower and Mountain the sum of \$250 unitedly for the one year.

The representatives of the different congregations, and the minister of Kemptville, eventually agreed to carry out the recommendation of Presbytery, as being the best course that presented itself under the circumstances.

It was further resolved that Mr. Bennett be instructed to state to the Oxford Mills station, on next Sabbath, the grounds on which the Presbytery have made such arrangement as to render it inexpedient to continue the same amount of supply to them as formerly, viz., that the distance is only four miles from Kemptville, that the families composing the station are comparatively few in number, that some of these lie nearer to another Presbyterian church than to Oxford Mills itself, and that if service is continued every Lord's day as formerly, it would prevent such an arrangement as that now entered upon, and thus cost the Church \$300 per annum of supplement for the sake of the single station of Oxford Mills, and that on these grounds Presbytery think it to be the duty of the people hitherto worshipping there to come to Kemptville, or to go to any other Presbyterian church that may be more convenient if they prefer it. Mr. Lohead was appointed to exchange with Mr. Bennett at an early date, so as to announce to the congregations the arrangement made, and affectionately to exhort all parties concerned cordially to acquiesce in it.

Reports were received from the missionaries who had been laboring within