

Dick and Mr. Fotheringham to visit said locality, to make enquiry anent the propriety of the step proposed, and to report to a subsequent meeting. Professor Caven reported that, after due notice, he had gone and preached to the congregation of Weston, and moderated in a call which was in favour of Mr. Robert Pettigrew, preacher of the Gospel. The call was read, and was found to be signed by 35 members and 34 adherents. The call was sustained, and put into the hands of Mr. Pettigrew, by whom it was accepted. The moderator and the clerk were appointed a committee to assign to Mr. Pettigrew subjects of trial for ordination. It was agreed that the Presbytery meet at Weston on the 8th of January, at 10.30 a.m., to receive Mr. Pettigrew's trials, and proceed with the services of his ordination at 2 p.m. The resignation by Rev. R. Monteath of the pastoral charge of York Mill and Fisherville was accepted. The Presbytery expressed their high regard for the Rev. R. Monteath, and their best wishes for his welfare and continued usefulness. The following is the minute adopted by the Presbytery:—

The Presbytery take this opportunity of expressing their high regard for the Rev. R. Monteath as a Christian brother, having frequently experienced in their intercourse with him his kindness and courtesy, and that a charity which thinketh no evil, which rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth most in the truth; as a minister, who has been for so many years in connection with the Church, in the land of our fathers, and in this land, they would bear testimony to his faithfulness in preaching the gospel, to his patience in enduring hardship as a good soldier of Christ, and to his numerous and unwearied labours in the cause of the Master; as the clerk of this court, they have to bear testimony to his diligence, faithfulness, and punctuality, and in respect to the manner in which he has kept the records, they have to express their high approval of his despatch and accuracy. And in conclusion, the Presbytery express their hope that the way may soon be opened up for Mr. Monteath to enter again into the active service of the Church, in some sphere which God in his providence may appoint. It was agreed that Mr. Monteath be continued meanwhile as clerk of the Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Reid introduced the case of Rev. Donald Fraser Sage, a licentiate of the Free Church of Scotland, and son of the late venerable Mr. Sage, of Resolis, who had arrived lately in this country. It was agreed to receive Mr. Sage as a probationer of the Church.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery met at Woodstock on 17th ult. We give the following items of business transacted. Arrangements were made for induction of Rev. W. Caven as pastor of congregations of Tilsonburgh and Cullodin. On the reading of a circular from the Presbytery of Manitoba to the effect that they would, at the next meeting of the General Assembly, ask leave to receive, as a minister of this Church, Rev. N. McDougall, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, it was agreed to correspond with the Presbytery of Manitoba for fuller information.

A circular letter from the Presbytery of Brockville was read with reference to the reception of Rev. J. Douglass of the Congregational Body, and Mr. Boyd of the American Presbyterian Church. A very favourable report of a congregation being formed in Burford was presented. The report was received and a committee appointed to organize the congregation, which is to be connected with Mount Pleasant, at present under the charge of Rev. T. Alexander. Rev. W. Reid was nominated as moderator of next General Assembly. Rev. J. McTavish was nominated as mission agent. Notice was given by different members that at next meeting there would be nominated for the chair of Systematic Theology in Knox College, Rev. W. McLaren, Rev. J. McTavish, and Rev. W. A. Hodge, of Allegheny. On application the Presbytery unanimously restored Rev. S. Balmer to membership in the Church.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met at Mitchell on the 17th December for ordinary business. Out of sixteen ministers, twelve were present,