

petitions from the congregations in Goderich, Harpurhey, and Warrensville, to be erected into a new Presbytery, under the designation of the Presbytery of Huron.

The clerk reported with reference to the steps taken for the employment of students in evangelistic labours within the bounds of the Presbytery, during the recess of the Hall. Messrs. Hall, Milligan and Irving, had been corresponded with. Sanctioned the arrangements of the clerk for three months.

Rev. Mr. Thornton was now cordially invited to visit the congregations, according to the arrangement of the Foreign Mission Committee.

The call from the congregations of Downie and Fullarton to Mr. Robert Hamilton was sustained, and trial discourses appointed.

A deputation from the London Free Church Presbytery consisting of Rev. Messrs. McKenzie, Zorra and McPherson, Williams, with Mr. Clerk, Elder, was received. The members of the deputation addressed the court in succession, in a most friendly and appropriate manner, after which Mr. Hogg of Detroit, and the moderator responded, in name of the Presbytery, reciprocating the expressions of friendliness, and eager desire for a speedy union of the two bodies. Mr. McKenzie was then requested to lead the devotions, and after singing, and again engaging in prayer, the deputation withdrew. The whole proceedings in connection with the deputation were of the most gratifying description. It was felt, we doubt not, by all present that it was good to be there, and that such meetings were well calculated to hasten the consummation so "devoutly wished for."

After the deputation withdrew, the Presbytery were taken up for a considerable time, with the question of instrumental music in the public worship of the sanctuary. A memorial to the Synod, signed by 101 members and adherents of the congregation in London, praying for a reconsideration of the question, and a distinct and authoritative decision on it, which in the judgment of the memorialists had not been given at last session, was transmitted. A protest and appeal to the Presbytery against certain decisions of congregational meetings, in this matter, and signed by 16 members and adherents of same congregation, along with answers to reasons of Protest, were also laid upon the Presbytery's table. After considerable discussion the protest and answers were withdrawn, it having been distinctly stated once and again by the minister of the congregation and the representatives of the memorialists, that there was an entire readiness on the part of those favorable to the use of instrumental music, to acquiesce in the decision of Synod whatever it might be.

In withdrawing the protest, the protesters claimed that an extract of the minutes of Presbytery, in reference to the case, should be transmitted along with memorial, which was agreed to.

Rev. John Hogg laid the demission of his charge on the table of Presbytery.—Instructed the clerk to notify the congregation of Detroit, and summon them to assemble for their interests at next meeting of Presbytery to be held on the 3rd Wednesday of May, in London, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Moderation granted to Congregations of Grey and Turnberry. Mr. Barr to preach and preside.

Members of Rev. Mr. Skinner's congregation residing in and near Carlisle, erected into a separate congregation.

Nothing else of any importance before Presbytery.

U. P. PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.

This Presbytery met at Newcastle on the 6th of April. There was a full attendance of the members, and a considerable amount of business transacted. The matters of most public interest were the following; A call from the Congregations of Verulam and Lindsay, and supported by adherents in the newly formed station of Bobcageon, addressed to Mr. Robert Hamilton, Probationer, was sustained. In connection with this, a letter was read by the Clerk from Mr. Hamilton, intimating that he had come to the conclusion to decline this call. The Presbytery declared the call to be set aside. The Rev. Gilbert Tweedie laid before the Presbytery his