

was carried by a majority. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Paisley on the 2nd Tuesday of July.

ALEXANDER FRAZER, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting at Oshawa, on Tuesday, the 10th day of March. Rev. J. R. Scott, Moderator, *pro tem.* With him, there were five Ministers and three Elders. The principal items of business then transacted, are the following:—

Revs. J. B. Edmondson, and R. Binnie, were invited to sit as corresponding members. The Rev. A. Topp, M.A., was nominated Moderator of next Synod. The Rev. Dr. Thornton, Convener of the Committee appointed to examine Mr. Edmondson's papers, and act thereon.—stated that said Committee had not been called together, because, though he had received the said Mr. Edmondson's certificate of dismission, he did not know when he would be able to enter upon his labours within the bounds of this Presbytery. The court regarding that certificate as entirely satisfactory, and viewing Mr. Edmondson's case as one of orderly translation, agreed at once to receive him as a minister of this church; and approved of the moderator's conduct in moderating in the call addressed to the said Mr. Edmondson, by the Columbus and Brooklin congregation. The clerk craved and obtained leave to enter his dissent from that finding. It was further decided that the call be now sustained as a regular Gospel call and placed in the hand of Mr. Edmondson. As he intimated his acceptance of said call, his induction was appointed to take place at Columbus, on the 24th inst., at 11 o'clock, a.m.—Mr. Douglass to preach, Mr. Windell to preside and address the minister, and Mr. Scot, the people. The Rev. J. McTavish, not being able to travel so far on account of the state of the roads, by letter reported that he had moderated in a call at Lindsay, which was unanimously given to the Rev. Robert Binnie. The moderator's conduct was approved of; and the call, sustained as a regular Gospel call. From the subscription list and from statements made by the moderator, the congregation were prepared to offer \$500 towards stipend, exclusive of the amount promised by H. M. Committee. The members expressed themselves highly pleased with the liberal subscriptions, and with the offer made by the moderator.

Mr. Biazie, having also intimated his acceptance of said call, his induction was appointed to take place in Lindsay, on Tuesday, the 7th day of April, at 11 o'clock, a.m. Mr. Edmondson to preach, Mr. Scott to preside and address the pastor, Mr. Windell, the flock. Reports of probationers were read and considered. The ministers present reported that that they had, as far as allowed, fulfilled their appointments, to conduct special missionary services, and to meet with office-bearers on the matter of ministerial support. From those reports, it appeared that an increase of stipend had, in some cases, been either made or resolved upon.

The prayer of the petition of the Bowmanville Congregation for leave to exchange a portion of the ground purchased for the site of a new Church, was granted.

GEORGE RIDDELL,

Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—This Presbytery met in Almonte (Ramsay) on the 4th February. There were present ten ministers and four elders. Mr. Tait preached the opening sermon: Mr. Fraser introduced the subject of conference, viz., "Preaching."

The associated congregations of Ramsay and Almonte were disjoined—Mr. McKenzie retaining Almonte. The Communion Roll showed a membership of about a hundred to begin with:—the stipend promised in the first instance is \$700, to be raised by weekly contributions.

Mr. Fraser was appointed to preach in Ramsay on the 23rd, to declare the church vacant.