

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.

This reverend Court met within St. John's Church, Cornwall, on Wednesday the 16th Sept, and was duly constituted by the Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Mac-Donald, Minister of Lochiel.

After the transaction of some routine business the Moderator had on the table a call and other relative papers from the Congregation of Plantagenet in favor of the Rev. Colin Grigor (late of Guelph) to be their Minister. Mr. Grigor, who was present, having signified his acceptance of the Call, the Presbytery unanimously agreed to sustain the same, and fixed on Wednesday the 30th inst., for his induction to said charge. The Rev. Mr. Watson was appointed to preach and preside on the occasion, the Rev. Mr. Johnston to address the Minister, and the Rev. Mr. MacVicar the people, on their respective duties. A Petition from the Congregation of Vankleek Hill, craving the services of a Minister or Missionary among them, having a knowledge of the Gaelic language, and setting forth their willingness to make provision for his adequate support, was read. The Presbytery instructed the Clerk to bring the case of this Congregation specially under the notice of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland.

The Rev. Mr. McPherson having stated that a request had been preferred to him by the vacant congregation of Dalhousie Mills to have the sacrament of the Lord's Supper dispensed among them, the Presbytery appointed Mr. McPherson to make the necessary arrangements for the carrying out of the expressed wish of the people in this matter.

A call and accompanying documents from the people of Matilda in favor of the Rev. T. Scott to be their minister was laid on the table of Presbytery, but, owing to some informality in these, the Presbytery were unable at the time to take any action upon them.

The Rev. Mr. Johnston requested leave of the Presbytery to apply to the friends of the Church in the Province for aid to assist the congregation of L'Original in their exertions to finish their Church and to erect a suitable Manse. This request the Presbytery unanimously granted.

The subject of Presbyterial Visitations was then taken up, but, as no member of the Court was prepared with a list of queries, further discussion on the matter was deferred until next meeting. The Presbytery thereafter having appointed supply for the vacant Churches, the meeting was closed with prayer.

THE PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

This Presbytery held its ordinary meeting at Ottawa City on the 9th Sept. The following members were present, viz.:—Rev. Peter Lindsay, moderator; Messrs. A. Speer, Mann, Mylne, Thomson, Morrison, Sinclair and Bain, ministers.

Commissions were given in and sustained in favour of the following elders, elected by their respective Sessions to represent them in Presbytery and Synod during the current year, viz.:—Thomas Bowes, Patkenham; John G. Malloch, Perth; Thomas McDonald, Ottawa; Robert Hutton, Smith's Falls; George Malloch, Brockville; Henry Airth, McNab and Horton; Archibald Petrie, Buckingham and Cumberland; John Stewart, Litchfield; Robert Holmes, Huntly; John Ferguson, Beckwith; George Brown, Richmond.

Messrs McDonald, Stewart and Holmes being present, took their seats in the Presbytery.

Rev. James Sinclair, of Huntly, was appointed Moderator for the current year.

The Presbytery has sustained, since its last ordinary meeting, the loss, by death, of two of their brethren, viz., the Rev. John Lindsay, who died on the 9th day of July last; and the Rev. William Bell, who died on the 16th August.

The Presbytery entered upon their minutes a testimony of their respect for the memory of these departed brethren.

The following is a copy of the minutes adopted in each case:—

REV. JOHN LINDSAY.

The minute of 13th July last, recording the death of the Rev. John Lindsay, of Litchfield, having been read, the Presbytery agreed to record their deep sense of the excellent character and the ministerial usefulness of this young and excellent minister, and of the great loss which the Church has sustained in his early and unexpected removal.

During the short period of his incumbency—a period of about three years—he had won for himself the esteem, the admiration and the warm affection, not only of his people, to whom his memory will always be precious, but also of his brethren, who had witnessed, with much satisfaction, his rising usefulness and evident profiting, which appeared unto all, and who cannot forget an intercourse so Christian and friendly as that which they enjoyed with him.

They desire to bow with submission to the Divine will in this mournful dispensation, and to contemplate it as a call from God to greater diligence, that they may also finish their course with joy; and they further desire to express their sympathy with the congregation who have been deprived of a pastor whose life was entirely consecrated to their spiritual advancement; and also with his bereaved widow, whom, with Christian regard, they commend to the sympathy and grace of God.

REV. WILLIAM BELL.

The Presbytery unanimously agreed to put on record in their minutes the testimony of their respect for the memory of their departed brother, who had laboured so long and so conscientiously among them, whose name is so intimately connected with the progress of religion within the bounds of this Presbytery, who took the field when he almost stood alone in the district, and encountered all the difficulties of an early settlement; who showed himself a steady friend to whatever promoted the intellectual, the religious and moral interests of the community, and spent a long life in the unremitting discharge of the duties of his high calling. The Presbytery also regret the loss of his valuable counsel and experience in their meetings as a Church Court, and they express

their Christian regard for and their sincere sympathy with his surviving widow and family on the bereavement which they have sustained.

The Clerk had on the table and read a letter from the Synod's Finance Committee, reporting certain congregations to be in debt to the Synod Fund. The Clerk was instructed to write to the ministers of these congregations, and request them forthwith to remit the sums they owe to the Convener of said Committee.

Mr Stewart, elder, on behalf of the congregation of Litchfield, brought the circumstances of their vacant congregation before the notice of the Presbytery; requested the Presbytery to aid them in looking out for a suitable minister; and meantime craved supplies of preaching; and that Messrs. Morrison and Lindsay be appointed to dispense the ordinance of the Lord's Supper there on Sabbath first. Messrs. Morrison and Lindsay having stated that it would suit their convenience to comply with the request of the congregation, the Presbytery appointed them accordingly.

The Presbytery also appointed Mr Bain to preach at Litchfield on the 3d Sabbath of September, Mr. McMorine on the 3d Sabbath of October; and Mr. White on the 2d Sabbath of November.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet at Perth on the 2d Wednesday of January next.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The following is a notice of the proceedings of this Presbytery since the meeting of Synod. In due course of procedure, on the 11th of June, M. MacLennan was translated from Dundas and Ancaster to Paisley; appointments of supplies were made, and reports of the fulfilment of former appointments were received. Assessors were appointed with Mr. Whyte to form a Session for Arthur.

The Presbytery met at Paisley, on the 16th July, and inducted Mr. MacLennan, the services being conducted by Mr. Whyte, Mr. Thom, and Dr. Skinner.

The stated meeting took place at Hamilton on the 19th of August, and was well attended both by Ministers and Elders. Commissions of representative elders were given in and sustained. The death of the Rev. W. Bell, of Perth, having caused the absence of his Sor, the Clerk of the Presbytery, a minute was recorded expressing sympathy with him, and the Presbytery's sincere regret for the death of his venerable parent, who by his age and the long continuance of his ministry had earned the honourable title of Father of the Church. Reports of the fulfilment of appointments were made, and a large number of new appointments were made. A Memorial from St. John's Church, Hamilton, to the Colonial Committee came up for consideration. The Memorial prayed for aid in supporting any minister who may be settled over the infant