

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery held its regular quarterly meeting in Knox's Church, Ingersoll, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of February. There was a large attendance of ministers and elders. The Rev. Messrs. Middlemiss, of Elora; McDonald, of Thamesford; and George Murray were invited to act as corresponding members. The Presbytery entered upon consideration of the call from Chalmers' Church, Guelph, to the Rev. John James, of Dumfries St. Church, Paris. After the usual papers in the case had been read, Rev. Mr. Middlemiss, of Elora, on behalf of the Guelph Presbytery, and Messrs. Guthrie, Gaw, and Inglis, on behalf of Chalmers' Church, were heard in support of the call; and Messrs. Falsetter and Finlayson against the proposed translation. Mr. James was also heard, and requested the Presbytery to allow him until next meeting of Presbytery to consider the matter. The request was granted, and next meeting of Presbytery appointed for Tuesday, the 23rd February, within River Street Church, Paris, when the case will be issued.

A letter was read from the Clerk of Simcoe Presbytery, intimating that Mr. John Cook had withdrawn his application for employment in Missionary work connected with our Church.

Messrs. Dunbar and J. Robertson reported that, according to appointment of Presbytery, they had moderated in a call for a minister to Stanley Street Church, Ayr, on the 25th of January last, and laid upon the table said call in favour of Rev. Wm. Donald, of Norwichville. The conduct of the brethren moderating the call was sustained, as also the call itself, and Mr. Richardson, of Tilsonburgh, appointed to cite the congregations of Norwichville, Wyndham and East Oxford, to appear for their interests at next meeting of Presbytery on the 23rd day of February. (Since this meeting of Presbytery, another call to Mr. Donald from Port Hope has been forwarded to the Clerk, and parties cited to appear for their interests at the meeting of Presbytery referred to above, in connection with the Ayr call.

Mr. James asked the Presbytery to hear Mr. Stephen Balmer in reference to his late suspension, which was agreed to. Mr. Balmer requested the Presbytery to consider the propriety of removing the sentence of suspension under which he now lies. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Cobourg was also read, certifying to Mr. Balmer's Christian deportment since he has resided within their bounds. On motion, duly seconded, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. McMullen, James, J. Robertson and Dunbar, Ministers; and Turners, Elder, were appointed to confer with Mr. Balmer, and report at a future sederunt.

The resignation of Mr. Richardson, of Tilsonburgh, was next considered. Commissioners were heard from the congregations, strongly depreciating a dissolution of the pastoral tie. After lengthened discussion, the following motion was unanimously agreed to: The Presbytery, having heard Mr. Richardson's reasons for the resignation of his charge, and also commissioners from the congregation and other parties interested, consider said reasons insufficient for the dissolution of the pastoral tie at present existing between Mr. Richardson and the congregations of Tilsonburgh and Culloden, and therefore defer final action in the matter until next meeting of Presbytery, in order to give their brother, Mr. Richardson, longer time to reconsider the whole case.

The Presbytery then proceeded to the conference on the state of religion within the bounds. After lengthened and earnest conference, during which several members referred to the work of grace going on in their congregations, the following motion was made and carried:—"The Presbytery having heard, with great delight, the deeply interesting statements of Brethren as to the state of religion within the bounds, desire to express their gratitude to Almighty God for the apparent tokens of his presence and power. They would further commend to the attention of the Ministers and office bearers of the various churches in the Presbytery, every indication of religious awakening among their people; and finally, with a view to guide the office bearers of the Church in further dealings with their congregations, the Presbytery agree at their next meeting to