

Proceedings of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Belleville, on the 12th day of January. Arrangements were made for the ordination of Mr. Andrew Dowsley, B. A., Licentiate, and for his settlement as ordained missionary at Lansdowne, until the 1st of April, 1876. The committee appointed to visit the congregations of Glenvale and Harrowsmith, for the purpose of securing increased ministerial support, reported that they had discharged the duty intrusted to them, and had obtained from the people promises of greater liberality in the future. From the report of the committee appointed to visit the congregation of Amherst Island, and other communications, the Presbytery learned that the resignation which had been recommended, was postponed until the next meeting, and that the congregation could not promise an annual retiring allowance, but would be willing to contribute a certain amount as a gift on the severance of the pastoral tie. The clerk was instructed to correspond with the Convener of the Assembly's Committee, on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, to ascertain what retiring allowance could be obtained for Mr. McIntosh. In the evening a lengthened and interesting conference was held on the state of religion. Mr. Wilson opened the proceedings by an address on revivals, their nature, means, author, and results. The members generally took part, and it was felt that the time was profitably spent. At the commencement of the next ordinary meeting, a special religious service is to be conducted, Messrs. Wishart, Coulthard, and Gallaher being appointed to give the addresses. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Lansdowne, on Monday, the 15th day of February next, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the examination and ordination of Mr. Dowsley.

THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—The Presbytery of Guelph met in Knox Church, Galt, on 12th January. There was a large attendance of both ministers and elders. Mr. James Bryant delivered his trials on the subjects previously assigned him, and underwent the usual examination; all of which were approved, and his ordination appointed to take place at Glenallan, on the 26th January. The remits from the General Assembly on the change of the ecclesiastical year, and on the modification of the Constitution of the Supreme Court, were both approved. At the request of the congregation, through their commissioner, Dr. Barrie's resignation was allowed to lie over for six months, as they were ready to provide him any assistance he might require. The Presbytery agreed to declare themselves highly pleased with their action, and their gratification at the partial restoration of Dr. Barrie's health. The conference on the state of religion was postponed till an adjourned meeting, appointed to be held in Chalmers' Church, Guelph, on the second Tuesday in March. Reports were received from the congregations which had been in arrears of stipend, that they had been now discharged. Mr. Schroeder appeared as an applicant to be received as a minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church, specially with the view of acting as a missionary among the Germans. His case was referred to a Committee, who were instructed to conduct the requisite examination, and report at the next ordinary meeting. The report of the German Mission Committee was submitted, and appropriate action thereon taken. A committee was appointed to visit the congregations of Douglas, Mimosa, Everton, Eden Mills, and Rockwood, for the purpose of ascertaining whether these might not be so grouped as to be more advantageous to their interest generally, than the present arrangement appears to be. Mr. D. H. McLennan, probationer, having signified his willingness to spend some time in exploring the township of Amaranth, his