

in question was originally patented to the Presbyterian Church of Owen Sound, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, commonly known as the "Free Church," and whereas the congregation of Chalmers' Church have not had the preaching of the word or the administration of ordinances among them for a period of nearly two years and a half, and whereas it appears further from a document presented by Messrs. Crichton and McDermid that it is not contemplated that the congregation of Chalmers' Church should exist even nominally in a separate state beyond the period of the Union of the Churches in June next, the Presbytery, on a view of the whole case, consider and hereby declare the said congregation of Chalmers' Church, Owen Sound, to be extinct, and hereby recognize the Second Congregation of Owen Sound as the only congregation in that place now in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

The Presbytery entered on their Record the following minute in reference to the kindness of the Office-bearers and Congregation of Knox's Church, Hamilton: This being the last meeting which the Presbytery of Hamilton as at present constituted, is likely to hold in the place where they have now for so many years met, the members are desirous of taking this opportunity of recording as a body their most cordial thanks to the minister, office-bearers and congregation of Knox's Church for their kindness in so liberally allowing them the use of that building in which to hold their Sessions, and for the unremitting attention which has been paid to their comfort and convenience. They would at the same time express their warm gratitude to the ladies of the congregation, who have at so much trouble and expense to themselves, provided refreshments for the members of the Presbytery during the interval of the evening Sessions in order to contribute to their comfort and save the time of the Presbytery—an arrangement which has been felt to be a very great accommodation and opportunity of mutual intercourse to all, and rendered all the more acceptable by the polite attentions of those who have taken a part in carrying it out. Nor would the members of the Presbytery omit to notice the uniform attention and civility of Mr. Omond, the Church-officer, who has on all occasions been ready to attend to the wishes of the court and its members.

The Presbytery again met, pursuant to adjournment, at Galt, on Thursday, the 18th of April; thirteen ministers and the elders of the neighbouring congregations being present.

The Presbytery of London having agreed to the translation of Mr. Findlay of Mitchell his induction was appointed to take place at Wellington Square on Wednesday, the 5th of May next.

A commission, consisting of Messrs. Smellie, Inglis, Middlemiss and Cuthbertson, with their respective Elders, was appointed to make up the Presbytery Roll for the ensuing Synod. Kirk Sessions are instructed to send Elders' Commissions to the Presbytery Clerk, on or before the 20th of May next.

In accordance with their previous appointment, the Presbytery inducted Dr.

John Thomson as the minister of Knox's Church, Galt. Mr. Andrew McLean preached and presided on the occasion. The minister and the people were addressed respectively by Mr. Stark and Mr. McKuar. The large church was quite filled during the services, and at the close, Dr. Tomson received a cordial welcome from the congregation.

JAMES MIDDLEMISS,
Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

This Presbytery met at London on the 24th March and continued in Session two days. The following are the more important items of business which occupied the attention of the Court.

The Rev. James Findlay was elected Moderator for the current six months.

Mr. Blount's dismissal of his pastoral charge was taken up.

Mr. Wyld appeared for the congregation of Bosanquet, and stated that the congregation deeply sympathised with Mr. Blount in the impaired state of his health, and while they regret that he should be separated from them, they cannot, in justice to Mr. Blount oppose the acceptance of the demission of his pastoral charge.

The Presbytery agreed to accept Mr. Blount's resignation and record in their minutes the sympathy of the members of the Court with Mr. Blount in the bodily affliction under which he is labouring, and their hope that his health may be speedily restored.

Mr. Troup was appointed to preach at Bosanquet on the 12th May and to declare the church vacant.

After hearing parties agent Mr. Sutherland's demission of the Mosa branch of his pastoral charge, the Presbytery agreed to accept the same, and appointed the Rev. D. McDiarmid to preach at Mosa, on the 5th May, and to declare the church vacant.

The call from Waterdown and Wellington Square to the Rev. James Findlay was taken up, and parties cited to appear for their interests at the next meeting to be held at Stratford on the 16th April.

A petition was laid on the table from Port Elgin praying for the moderation of a call, and Messrs. McKay and Bremner were appointed to moderate in a call there on the 7th May, at 11 o'clock A. M.

A letter was received from the Rev. Lachlan McPherson, requesting that the Presbytery would agree to grant him his credentials, viz: a Presbyterian certificate, attesting his regular standing as an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and also the reason why such certificate was requested, and that said credentials be given during the sitting of Synod at Montreal.

The Presbytery after deliberation unanimously agreed, that, inasmuch as Mr. McPherson asks for his credentials to be granted, pending on a certain action to be taken by the Synod, that his application be referred *simpliciter* to the Superior Court, and that he be cited to appear for his interests at the next meeting of the same.

In view of Union with the United Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery agreed to recommend that the scheme for the division of Presbyteries should embrace a division

of the Presbyteries of Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton, and that this Presbytery be divided into four, viz:—Oxford, London, Stratford and Huron.

The subject of the proposed division of the funds of the University of Toronto and University College was taken up, and the Presbytery agreed to petition the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly against said division of the funds, and to recommend to congregations to petition in like manner.

Petitions for missionary supply were received from Grey, North Bruce, Wallace and Molesworth, West Montekton, West Arran, St. Mary's, Belmont and Yarmouth.

Messrs Scott and Clark were appointed to attend the meeting of the Synod's H. M. Committee and apply for ten missionaries for the ensuing six months.

The following appointments were made for the supply of vacant congregations and mission stations, viz:

St. Mary's.—Mr. Doak, 14th April; Mr. Meldrum, 21st April; Mr. Allan, 28th April; Mr. Findlay, 12th May; Mr. Scott, 19th May; Mr. Graham, 26th May; Mr. Beattie, 23rd June, and a Missionary on the 9th and 16th June.

St. Thomas and Port Stanley.—Mr. Gauld, 31st March and 7th April; Mr. John McMillan, 14th April; Mr. A. McDiarmid, 21st April.

Bosanquet.—Mr. Wm Troup, 12th May; Mr. Chestnut, 19th May; Mr. Walker, 26th May.

Beachville.—Messrs. D. McDiarmid, Polmie, McMullen and Straith.

St. Ellen's.—Mr. Alex D. McDonald, 5th May.

Grey.—Mr. A. Currie, 5th May.

Burn's Church, East Zorra. Mr. Thomas McPherson, 12th May; and Messrs. Polmie, McMullen and McDiarmid each to give a week day service before the 1st June.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was appointed to be dispensed as follows, viz:

Yarmouth.—Mr. John Fraser (assisted by the Missionary there) on the 26th May.

Chalmers' Church, Dunwich.—Messrs. D. McMillan and Sutherland on the 16th June.

Frampton.—Mr. Neil McKinnon, (assisted by Mr. Straith on week days) on the 26th May.

St. Thomas.—Messrs. Scott and John McMillan on the 7th July. Mr. McMillan's pulpit to be supplied by the Missionary at Yarmouth.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet within Norman Street Church, Stratford on the 16th April, at one o'clock P. M.

The Presbytery met at Stratford on the 16th April according to adjournment.

The call from Waterdown and Wellington Square to the Rev. James Findlay was taken up. The Rev. John Gillespie appeared as Commissioner from the Presbytery of Hamilton to prosecute the translation. Mr. Thos. Wily appeared for the Kirk Session of Knox's Church, Mitchell, and Mr. Thomas Smith for the congregation. After hearing parties the Presbytery agreed to translate Mr. Findlay and record their sympathy with the congregation of Mitchell at the loss which they sustain by his translation, and the regret of the members of the Court at his removal from the bonds.

The Rev. John Gillespie, Commissioner