

willing, from a sincere desire to promote the harmony of the congregation, and hereby offers to resign his charge, provided such resignation be made without stain on his ministerial character; and, in the meantime, that he be placed under the supervision of the Presbytery as an ordained missionary, and on the understanding that the Presbytery strongly recommend to the Synod to allow him to retire upon his full allowance.

Hereupon the complainant withdrew his charge.

The Presbytery after due deliberation agreed to accept Mr. MacKidd's resignation, express their sympathy with him, and continue confidence in his ministerial character, and strongly to recommend to the Synod in terms of his request—to permit him to retire upon his full allowance.

This decision having been intimated to Mr. MacKidd, the Presbytery appointed Mr. Hamilton Gibson to preach at the Church in Goderich, vacant on the 22nd day of September.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in London on the first Wednesday of January, 1862.—Closed with prayer.

Although stated in the above minute that Mr. MacKidd protested and appealed, it is an interpolation made by the clerk. Mr. MacKidd did indeed protest and appeal for leave to complain to the Synod, but it was not received or minuted, and Mr. McDonell, one of the Commissioners then stated, "Mr. MacKidd may say what he chooses, read what he chooses, and do what he chooses, but we will pay no attention to him." And, instead of being heard at length, as stated, in the minute, he only read the paper which follows, and laid it on the Presbytery table, but no notice was taken of it:

To the Rev. the Presbytery of London of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland, the memorial and remonstrance of the members and adherents of St. Andrew's Church at Goderich,

RESPECTFULLY SHERETH,

That in obedience to the citation of your moderators, dated the 7th day of October, instant, calling a *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of London, on Monday, the 23rd inst., to confer with your memorialists on the subject of the Reverend Alexander Mackidd's resignation, we now attend at the Bar of the Court for the purpose of holding such conference as has been desired. Although in pursuance of an announcement, made from the pulpit, on Sunday, the 17th September last, at the request of the clerk of the Presbytery, calling a meeting of the congregation, "in order to obtain our concurrence in said resignation," we consider it proper to convene a public meeting on the 21st day of September, and take into consideration the whole subject of that resignation, as well as the action of the Presbytery immediately antecedent and subsequent thereto; and caused a minute of the proceedings of that meeting to be duly transmitted to the clerk of the Presbytery, we have to request the attention of the court to the circumstance that their meeting, to-day, is the first time we have been regularly cited to appear before the Presbytery in