

calls were accordingly set aside. There was no other business of public interest. The Presbytery meet again at Toronto on Tuesday, 5th Feb., at 2 p.m.,

HAMILTON.

On the evening of Tuesday, 6th Nov., after sermon, by the Rev. John Porteous of Beverly, the U. P. Congregation in this city gave a unanimous call to the Rev. William Ritchie of Dunse, Scotland, to be their Pastor. The Presbytery of Flamboro', at a special meeting on the 20th of the same month, sustained the call, and took the usual steps to prosecute it to a successful issue.—(*Communicated*).

[We regret that the above intelligence did not appear in our last. The substance of it is, of course, already known to most of our readers. There can be but one opinion as to the paramount importance, for the welfare of our church in Canada, that Hamilton obtain a suitable Pastor. There are few spheres of labour more eligible even in Scotland. We doubt not Mr. Ritchie is alive to the responsibility attending the decision which Providence is demanding of him; and we are sure it is the prayer of many besides himself, that the path of duty may be made plain before him. Should he see that leading him amongst us, he will certainly receive a cordial welcome, not only from the congregation, but from the church in general, both ministers and members.]

CHATHAM.

The U. P. Congregation here have called the Rev. Walter Inglis to be their Pastor.

U. P. PRESBYTERY OF LANCASHIRE.— ENGLAND.

A meeting of this Presbytery was held at Manchester in November, when it was resolved to consider the propriety of admitting organs into the places of worship connected with the United Presbyterian Church. After a long discussion, the following motion was carried by a majority of 15 to 5:—"The Presbytery are of opinion that the use of instrumental music for the purpose *simply* of leading the praises of the sanctuary, is not contrary to any principle or law either of the supreme or subordinate standards of this Church, find that such use has already been practically sanctioned by various Presbyteries thereof; and, therefore, whilst they refrain from giving any recommendation to the congregations of the bounds to introduce organs, they would leave the mode of conducting their psalmody to the Christian wisdom and discretion of individual congregations.—*Witness (Edin.)**"

* A later issue states that the Presbytery was not that of the U. P. Church, but of the Presbyterian Church in England.

DISTRIBUTION OF U.P. PROBATIONERS, JANUARY—MARCH, 1856.

PROBATIONERS' NAMES.	January—4 Sabbaths.	February—4 Sabbaths.	March—5 Sabbaths.
Rev. Mr. Caldwell.....	T 1, 2; F 3, 4.	L 1, 2, 3, 4.	L 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
" Clarke.....	L 1, 2, 3; B 4.	B 1; F 2, 3; T 4.	T 1; F 2, 3, 4; W 5.
" Inglis.....	D 1, 2; Lan 3, 4.	Lan 1, 2, 3; D 4.	D 1, 2; T 3, 4; W 5.
" Monteath.....	C.E. 1, 2; D 3, 4.	T 1; W 2, 3, 4.	W 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
" Muir.....	W 1, 2, 3, 4.	W 1, 2, 3; F 4.	B 1, 2; L 3, 4, 5.
" Watson.....	F 1; L 2, 3, 4.	L 1, 2, 3; D 4.	D 1, 2, 3; Lan 4, 5.

The Vacancies reported are 24, viz.: L—London, 7; B—Brant, 1; F—Flamboro', 2; W—Wellington, 6; T—Toronto, 2; D—Durham, 4; Lan—Lanark, 1; C.E.—Canada East, 1.

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