

"The Presbytery, while expressing the deep interest with which they have listened to the statement made by Mr. McEwen, and the earnest hope that the interest that has of late been evinced by the people of his charge in the things that belong to their salvation, may grow deeper and spread more widely, would especially (while not omitting to indicate approval of the discretion and good judgment displayed by the Pastor in directing meetings in connection with this work) record their gratitude to God whose marked and most gracious intervention they herein recognize, praying that He would be pleased to vouchsafe, in His own time and way, such a measure of His Holy Spirit's influence as is needful to accomplish His own wise and merciful ends in regard to all the congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery."

Mr. McEwen gave in his resignation of the part of his charge called Lochaber, retaining Cumberland. The necessary notices were ordered.

Mr. Scott also resigned his charge of Pakenham, &c., subject to the action of Presbytery.

The overture anent celebration of the Lord's Supper at all meetings of Synod was unanimously ordered to be transmitted.

The Remits of Synod created considerable discussion, and occupied much time. I give the results only:—

1. *Distribution of Preachers, &c.*—Clauses 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, were agreed to. On the 3rd four motions or amendments were brought forward. Finally, the clause as it stands was carried by 6 to 4—Mr. Gourlay dissenting. The 6th clause was agreed to with the proviso, "that such labourers, if appointed by the Synod, shall be under the control of the Presbytery within whose bounds they reside."

2. *Regulations on the distribution of Missionaries*—On the 1st clause the Presbytery agreed to modify the present reading by inserting the words, "that character and efficiency and not time be the standard for determining this matter." The 2nd and 3rd were agreed to with the change rendered necessary by the foregoing modification. The rest agreed to.

3. *M. Fund.*—The 1st, 3rd and 5th clauses agreed to. The 2nd clause was disapproved of by a vote of 6 to 4. The 4th clause was agreed to by 5 to 4, Mr. Gourlay entering his dissent.

Formula.—The formula was unanimously agreed to after substituting "not" for "never."

Questions 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, and those to Probationers, &c., were agreed to. The 4th was agreed to with the change of "never" into "not." The 5th was agreed to with change of "greater" into "great" and "functions" into "office."

Admission of Ministers, &c., from other Churches.—1. Agreed to with a clause restricting the application to the "Free Church of Scotland, the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, the English Presbyterian Church, and the Presbyterian Churches of the Lower Provinces, New Brunswick and Victoria."

2. Agreed to with the substitution of the words, "that in all cases in which the applicant does not come from the above named churches" for "in the manner provided above but with Presbyterial or private certificates only."

4. Agreed to.

Dissent.—It was agreed, in amendment of the present reading, "that reasons given in at the next sederunt be also recorded if desired."

The Barrier Act was sanctioned.

Act for Licensing Students.—All the clauses were agreed to with the simple change, "and shall sign the Formula," omitting the rest of the clause.

The Missionary arrangements were—Mr. Walter Scott to Dalhousie till next ordinary meeting, Mr. Mackey to Cumberland, to assist Mr. McEwen, till the meeting of Synod, and Mr. Grant for a like term to Fitzroy Harbour and Tarbolton.

Dr. Burns was nominated as Moderator of Synod.

Mr. Aitken was appointed representative of the "Business Committee"

Mr. Wardrope of Ottawa was chosen Moderator of Presbytery for the next year.

Next ordinary meeting is to be held in Ottawa on the first Tuesday in August, at 7.30 P. M.

S. C. FRASER,
Presbytery Clerk.