

Manilla, preached, Mr. McTavish presided, Mr. Scott addressed the minister, and Mr. McTavish the Congregation, after which the new minister was welcomed heartily by the people as their Pastor. In the afternoon the Presbytery met for general business, papers were read from Enniskillen, and a second petition from Williamsburgh, all in relation to the case above noticed. The Presbytery ordered said papers to lie on the table for consideration at a future meeting, when a fuller attendance of members may be expected.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The regular quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held within Zion Church, Brantford, on the 8th and 9th days of March last. All the Ministers of the Presbytery were present, and a good representation of the Eldership.

Reports were given in, from the Committees having in Charge the supply of Beachville pulpit, and the Beachville Church property, and the said Committees continued until next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. MacMullen intimated that arrears to the amount of thirty (30) dollars were due the Rev. Dr. Hamilton for services rendered the Beachville Church. Mr. MacMullen was requested to bring the matter before the Home Mission Committee at the first meeting, with a view to the payment of said arrears.

The committee appointed to frame a minute in reference to Dr. Hamilton, submitted the following, which on motion was adopted by the Presbytery, and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes:—"In accepting Dr. Hamilton's resignation, the Presbytery agreed to put on record the following minute: 'During the period of Dr. Hamilton's residence within our bounds, we have ever found his deportment towards the brethren amiable and courteous, marked by high integrity, and altogether becoming his character as a Christian minister. We assure Dr. Hamilton that he has the best wishes of the Presbytery for his future comfort and usefulness.'"

A call in favour of Rev. P. McCuaig from the Clinton Presbyterian Church, with relative documents, was laid on the table. The Presbytery appointed the moderator, Rev. Wm. Robertson, to preach in Ratho and Innerkip, on Sabbath, the 13th March, and cite parties to appear for their interest at a meeting of Presbytery to be held on the 22nd March in River Street Church, Paris.

The Rev. James Howie applied for a certificate to enable him to apply for admission to the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. The Clerk was instructed to furnish the certificate in due form.

Mr. Wm. Robertson brought forward his motion to reconsider the former deliverance of Presbytery, asking the General Assembly to receive Mr. William Stitt as a minister of our Church. On account of Mr. Stitt's absence, further proceeding in the case was delayed.

The clerk read a letter, with accompanying petition, from Mr. John Gillespie, formerly minister of Willis Church, Blenheim, praying the Presbytery to take steps to remove the sentence of deposition passed upon him by the Presbytery in 1865. After deliberation the Presbytery unanimously agreed to refer the whole matter to the General Assembly. Messrs. Cochrane, McDiarmid, and McRuer were appointed to state the case before the assembly.

The following Ministers and Elders were appointed the Presbytery's representatives at the first General Assembly: Ministers—Messrs. McRuer, McDiarmid, Cochrane, MacMullen and Lowry. Elders—Messrs. John Harvey, Robert Turnbull, James Wallace, J. T. Barker and David Turnbull.

The report on the state of religion to be transmitted to the Convener of the Synod's Committee, was read by Mr. MacMullen and adopted by the Presbytery.

The Mount Pleasant congregation made application to Presbytery to sanction an arrangement with Mr. Lowry, for supply of the pulpit every Sabbath afternoon. The Presbytery agreed to the arrangement proposed, it being understood that the congregation send a written document to the Presbytery Clerk, stating the terms of such arrangement as agreed to by the congregation.

WM. COCHRANE, *Presb. Clerk.*