

Proceedings of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—This Presbytery held a quarterly meeting at Montreal on the first and second days of April, 1874. The Rev. R. F. Burns, D.D., presided as Moderator, and there were present with him nineteen Ministers and seven Elders.

It appeared that the Rev. Malcolm Mackenzie had been inducted at Inverness, on the twelfth day of March last. Mr. Thornton laid on the table a call from Chalmers' Church, Quebec, to the Rev. Peter Wright, of Ingersoll, which being sustained, was ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Paris. Mr. John McKay reported that he had on the twelfth day of February last erected a Congregation at Lake Megantic. Mr. John McLeod, a Minister of the Presbyterian Church in Australia, applied to be admitted into the Canada Presbyterian Church, and the Presbytery agreed to ask leave from the General Assembly to receive him.

The Rev. James F. Dickie, of Berlin, Professor Murray, Mr. McNish, Mr. Robert Campbell, Mr. Wells and Mr. Pitcher being present, were asked to sit as correspondents.

The Presbytery appointed the Rev. Kenneth McDonald, William A. Johnston, Professor Campbell, A.M., William Grant, Robert M. Thornton, B.A., John McFarlane, John McAlister, B.A., William Taylor, D.D., Robert F. Burns, D.D., James McConechy, John Scrimger, A.M., Alexander Young, and Principal D. H. Macvicar, LL.D., Ministers; and Messrs. James Court, John Brodie, Christopher Mackae, Philip Peebles, George Rogers, John McLeod, Alexander C. Clarke, James R. McKenzie, James Brodie, John Stirling, Warden King, Peter McLeod, and Adam Stevenson, Elders, to be commissioners to the General Assembly. Rev. Thomas McPherson, of Stratford, was nominated Moderator of the General Assembly.

The Presbytery examined and attested the Session Records of Lancaster and Kenyon; agreed to apply to the General Assembly for leave to take five students on trial for license; and adopted an Overture to the General Assembly respecting remuneration to students in divinity when employed as Missionaries.

The Presbytery agreed to translate the Rev. A. F. Macqueen from Kenyon on the 11th day of May next for induction by the Presbytery of Bruce into the Congregation of Huron, and appointed the Rev. William Ross to preach at Kenyon on the 17th day of said month and declare the charge vacant.

The Presbytery took into consideration a call from the Second Presbyterian Church in the city of Chicago, accompanied with a promise of \$6000 per annum for salary, sustained by the Presbytery of Chicago, of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, prosecuted by Mr. John A. Gould, and addressed to the Rev. John M. Gibson, A.M., junior Minister of Erskine Church, Montreal. The Rev. Dr. Taylor, Mr. J. C. Becket, Mr. David Brown, Dr. Dawson, of McGill University, and Mr. Andrew Robertson represented the Congregation of Erskine Church, Montreal. Papers were read and parties heard. Whereupon the Presbytery agreed to translate Mr. Gibson on the sixth day of April current, and appointed Principal McVicar to preach in Erskine Church, Montreal, on Sabbath after, and declare vacant the office of junior Minister in the Collegiate charge.

Suitable testimonials were given both to Mr. Macqueen and to Mr. Gibson. The quarterly Home Mission Report was disposed of, a Report on the State of Religion was adopted, and a Committee, consisting of Messrs. John McKay, Alexander Young and John Scrimger, were appointed to mature a motion respecting payment of stipends. Some pecuniary difficulties in Lingwick Congregation were reported as effectually settled, steps were taken to loose Mr. John McLean from part of his charge, assessors were granted to Mr. McKenzie at Inverness, and the Presbytery resolved to meet again at Montreal, in Presbyterian College, on the second Wednesday of July next at ten o'clock, forenoon.

JAMES WATSON, *Clerk.*