

lated all parties in meeting with them in their beautiful and commodious new church, which was declared to be "an ornament to the city and a credit to the congregation."

The calls from Perth to Mr. Burns, and from Ramsay to Mr. Steele, were sustained. These calls were accepted, and arrangements were made for ordination and induction.

A call from Aylmer to Dr. Freeland was sustained by a vote of *nine* to *one*. Mr. H. Gourley dissented from this action for leave to complain to Synod on the ground "that the salary of the former minister was not paid."

All parties were cited to appear in Hamilton.

The Presbytery nominated Dr. Ormiston as Moderator of next Synod, and Mr. Wardrope and Mr. Hay representatives on the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

Mr. Lowry gave notice of his resignation of the pastoral charge of Cumberland. This notice lies on the table.

Mr. Fraser resigned the office of clerk. Mr. Carswell was appointed clerk from and after the 20th inst.

A Committee was appointed, consisting of Mr. Wardrope and Mr. James Whyte, to frame a minute anent Mr. Fraser's resignation of office and departure from the bounds.

The committee reported the following minute regarding Mr. Fraser, which was adopted and ordered to be appended to Mr. Fraser's Presbyterian Certificate:

"The Rev. S. C. Fraser having tendered his resignation of the office of Presbytery Clerk, the Presbytery would place on record this expression of their sincere regard, in prospect of his leaving the bounds, and of the esteem in which they have held him as a brother in the ministry.

"They would especially testify to the high value which they have learned to set upon his services as Presbytery Clerk, not merely in respect to the faithfulness and accuracy with which he has kept the books, but in respect to his thorough knowledge of ecclesiastical law, and of his tact in unravelling intricate cases. Discussions on points of order were never considered to be closed in Presbytery till Mr. Fraser had pronounced upon them, and the loss of his counsels will be long and deeply felt. They would commend their brother to the confidence and esteem of Presbyteries and of individual office-bearers and members of the Church, and would cherish the hope that, under the unerring guidance of the great Head of the Church, the way may soon be opened for him to some suitable field of labor."

JAMES CARSWELL, *Presb. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—The Presbytery of Stratford met at Stratford on the 11th May, the Rev. Robert Hall, Moderator. There were twelve Ministers and seven Elders present.

The Rev. Hugh Blair, M.A., presented his credentials as a Minister in connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, designated to the Canada Presbyterian Church, and applied to be received as a minister of said Church.

The Presbytery unanimously agreed to receive Mr. Blair as a Minister of the Church, and he was invited to sit as a corresponding member with the Court.

The Rev. James Boyd read and laid before the Presbytery a report from the Committee on the State of Religion, which was adopted and ordered to be transmitted to the Synod's Committee on the same subject.

An Overture was presented by the Committee on Sabbath Schools for transmission to the Synod, asking that a constitution for Sabbath Schools may be framed in accordance with the principles of the Church, and which would tend to the more efficient conducting of Sabbath Schools. The Presbytery adopted the overture and agreed to transmit it to the Synod, and appointed Messrs. Waters and Hamilton to support the same at the Synod. Mr. Hamilton presented the overture for transmission to the Synod asking that a summary of the