

and Messrs. McMullen, Cochrane and Straith appointed to support it before the Synod.

A report was read by Mr. McMullen, from the Committee appointed to examine Mr. Stitt, a minister of the "United Brethren," desirous of being received into the Canada Presbyterian Church. The Report was to the effect that the Committee were in the main satisfied with Mr. Stitt's literary attainments and Theological views, but recommending the Presbytery, for its own satisfaction, to examine him still further in open Court, on whatever topics they might see fit. At a subsequent Sederunt Mr. Stitt was examined, and notice of motion given for his reception into the Church, according to the usual forms.

Dr. Hamilton gave in his resignation of the pastoral charge of Beachville and Erskine Church, Woodstock. Steps were taken to have the congregations cited to appear for their interests at a meeting of Presbytery to be held in Hamilton during the meeting of Synod.

A Petition, purporting to be signed by 140 members and 63 adherents of Stanley St. Church, Ayr, was read, praying the Presbytery to restore Mr. Balmer, at the earliest opportunity, to the Gospel Ministry. After parties had been heard, the Presbytery passed on to the next item of business.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to hold its regular meeting in Knox Church, Woodstock, on the *last Tuesday of December*, at two o'clock, p.m., and also to meet for the dispatch of urgent business in Hamilton, and within Knox Church there, during the sitting of the Synod in October.

The Presbytery again met in Hamilton on the 13th October.

Mr. Lowry reported that, in accordance with appointment of Presbytery, he had proceeded to Mount Pleasant to moderate in a call for a minister, but found them unprepared to proceed.

The Presbytery, after consideration and the reading of additional testimonials in favour of Mr. Stitt, agreed to recommend him to the next General Assembly for reception into the Church, and instructed the Clerk to send the usual circular letters.

Dr. Hamilton's resignation of Beachville and Erskine Church, Woodstock, was received, and the Pastoral tie dissolved. Thereafter, the connection between these two congregations was dissolved, and Dr. Hamilton appointed to supply *Beachville* for the next six months.

Mr. James Robertson, Probationer, having accepted the call to Norwich, arrangements were made for his ordination and induction, to take place on Thursday, the 18th day of November next.

WM. COCHRANE, *Presb. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—This Presbytery held their ordinary meeting at Smith's Falls, on the second and third of November. There were present five ministers, and three elders. Mr. McEwen, the moderator, preached the opening sermon, from Luke xviii. 8. The first business conducted, was the Presbyterial visitation of the congregation of Smith's Falls. In regard to it, the Presbytery unanimously adopted the following deliverance:—

The Presbytery would express their great satisfaction with the prosperous condition of this congregation as reported, especially the perfect harmony among all the parties represented, and the willingness expressed by each to do their part in the work of the Lord among them.

There are, however, several gratifying things, that the Presbytery cannot but advert to, viz.: the testimony borne by the congregation to the efficiency and acceptance of their minister, both in his pulpit and pastoral labours, and the readiness they express to assist him in his important work; the fact that the Elders, some of whom have been recently ordained, take such a deep personal interest in the Sabbath School; the general prosperity of the Sabbath School, the apparent smallness of which is satisfactorily explained by the fact that there are Union Schools in the country, and that each Protestant denomination in the