

of Canada, in connection with the church of Scotland. The Presbytery deferred the consideration of this letter until next meeting of Presbytery.

Moved by Mr. Straith, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and agreed to, "That whereas the resolution of the General Assembly erecting the Presbytery of Bruce, does not state definitely to what Synod it shall belong; and whereas one of the overtures praying for the erection of said Presbytery also requested that it should be attached to the Synod of Hamilton; therefore, resolved that this Presbytery believes that it was the intention of the Assembly to grant the prayer of the overture in this respect, also, though by oversight omitted in the motion. This Presbytery therefore declares that, according to its judgment, it is in the synod of Hamilton, and hereby agrees to memorialize the General Assembly to confirm this decision, and instruct the clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the clerk of the Synod of Hamilton."

Read a petition and complaint of Mr. William Wallace, complaining of the conduct of the Port Elgin Kirk Session. Parties having been called to the bar of Presbytery, Mr. Tolmie raised the question whether or not, as moderator, *ad interim*, of the Port Elgin Kirk Session, he was at the bar of Presbytery.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Wardrope, and agreed to, that Mr. Tolmie, the *ad interim* moderator of the Port Elgin Kirk Session, be not considered at the bar of Presbytery, inasmuch as the action of session complained of had taken place previous to his appointment as moderator of said session. Mr. Wallace was heard in support of his petition. The minutes of session bearing on the case were read, and Messrs. Ross and McCulloch, elders were heard on behalf of the session, and Mr. Wallace in reply.

All parties having been removed from the bar of Presbytery, Mr. Straith, moved, seconded by Mr. Wardrope, and agreed to receive the petition and complaint, and in view of the evidence that the session, in this case, have not proceeded according to the laws of the church, declare their action, *ipso facto*, null and void, and remit the whole case back to the session for their consideration, to issue the case and to report to the Presbytery.

Moved by Mr. Straith, and seconded by Mr. Wardrope, that this Presbytery recommend the General Assembly, at its next meeting, to appoint a professor in Knox's College to fill the chair made vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Dr. David Inglis; and this court hereby nominate the Rev. Wm. MacLaren, of Knox's Church, Ottawa, as one suitable and qualified for said professorship.

It was agreed, on account of the lateness of the hour at which this motion was proposed, to defer its consideration until next meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. Wm. Ferguson, probationer, having delivered the trials prescribed, and having been examined on prescribed subjects, and these trials and examinations having been sustained, the Presbytery agreed to meet at Glamis, on the 2nd. day of January next, at 11 o'clock, for his ordination and induction into the pastoral charge of that congregation. Mr. Davidson was appointed to preach and preside, Mr. Straith to address the ministers, and Mr. Forbes the people.

The Committee appointed to answer Mr. Anderson's reasons of dissent in the matter of union of Pinkerton, Riversdale and Enniskillen, reported answer which were adopted.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery will be held (D.V.), at Paisley, on the last Tuesday of February next, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

A. G. FORBES, PRES. CLERK.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—This Presbytery met in Adelaide Street Church, Chatham, on Tuesday the 7th of January. There was a good attendance of ministers and elders.

Among the more important items of business transacted were the following:—

Rev. G. M. Milligan was elected Moderator of Presbytery for the ensuing six months.