

At Goderich, and within the Church there, Sept. 6, 1861— which day the Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.—The Rev. Mr. Bell, Moderator.

The deposed elders were called into court, and the decision of the Presbytery read. The clerk was instructed to send an extract of minute to James Leys, Duncan McLaren, and John Nairn, who were not present.

The Presbytery then proceeded to consider the sale of the Church property, complained of by Mr. Thomas Kydd. Sheriff Macdonald was heard in explanation, on behalf of the Trustees, and the history of all the proceedings connected with the sale was read from the books of the Church. Whereupon the Presbytery after consideration, and on the motion of Mr. Nicol, seconded by Mr. Rannic, agreed to the following resolution:—That the Presbytery deeply regret the necessity of parting with so much valuable property belonging to the Church in Goderich; that they approve of the sale in the circumstances, but consider that an obligation rests upon the congregation to replace for manse purposes, when required, the £150 received from the Manse Fund and conveyed away in the sale of the property.

Mr Thomas Reid protested against that part of the resolution which approved of the sale and appealed to the Synod, promising to give in reason in due time, took instruments in the clerk's hands and craved extracts, which were granted.

The Presbytery then proceeded to take evidence on the state of the congregation.

Sheriff Macdonald upon examination said there were between two hundred and three hundred hearers when the Church was organized. The congregation has very much decreased within the last three years or four. That decrease is partly owing to a difference between Mr. Kydd and Mr. MacKid. There was some falling off previously. The congregation is at present very small—seldom less than a hundred—sometimes between one and two hundred.—A change of ministry might have a good effect in removing the opposition. Mr. Kydd's charges are new to me. Had I known them I would have felt it to be my duty to enquire into them. If made by some persons I would not had them, because they have no regard to truth. That the debt and executions of Mr. Kydd have been very injurious to Mr. MacKid's pulpit ministrations, are a matter of opinion.

At this stage of the proceedings Mr. MacKid begged to state that in view of the dissatisfaction and estrangement which appears to exist among the adherents of the Church in this locality—the cause of which however he cannot impute to himself—he is now