

company had assembled to welcome Mr. Douglas to his new and important sphere of action.

On the same day there was laid before the Presbytery a petition from the congregation of Kendal, requesting to be disjoined from the congregation of Perrytown, and to be transferred from the Presbytery of Cobourg to the Presbytery of Ontario. The petition was laid on the table, and the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Presbytery of Ontario, and to cite the congregations of Perrytown and Oakhills to appear at a special meeting of Presbytery, to be held at Millbrook on the 30th of October.

Mr. Donald gave in a Report of his visit to the congregation of Percy. The report bore that a much more harmonious state of feeling than formerly obtained seemed now to exist among the members of the congregation, and that they had unanimously expressed their willingness that the congregations of Percy and Campbellford should be united into one pastoral charge. The report was received and adopted. At this point Mr. Beattie tendered his resignation of his pastoral charge at Campbellford with a view of facilitating the proposed union, which he cordially approved, and which he considered absolutely necessary, stating at the same time that he could not in the present state of his health undertake the labour that would be imperatively required in the double charge. It was agreed to allow the resignation to lie on the table, and Messrs. Murray and Mitchell were appointed to visit Campbellford on the 22nd inst. to confer with the congregation there in regard to their interests, and especially in reference to the payment of arrears of stipend before the minister's resignation can be accepted. Mr. Young was appointed to cite the congregation to appear at the adjourned meeting to be held at Millbrook on the 30th inst.

Mr. Donald gave notice that at the next quarterly meeting he would submit a series of resolutions in reference to Evangelistic effort within the bounds.

At a previous meeting Mr. Mitchell gave notice that he would move at the next quarterly meeting that the Remit anent the appointment of a Mission Agent be then considered, that the appointment of such an Agent be recommended, and that the Rev. R. Torrance of Guelph be nominated by this Presbytery as one well qualified for the office.

Mr. Mitchell also gave notice that he would move at next quarterly meeting that the assessment on congregations for the Synod and Presbytery Fund be so increased that the travelling expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly be defrayed out of that Fund.

#### WILLIAM DONALD, PRESBYTERY CLERK.

PRES. OF GUELPH.—The Presbytery of Guelph met *pro re nata*, in Chalmers' Church, Guelph, on the 17th October, to consider a call from the Congregation of Fort Massey, Halifax, N.S., to the Rev. J. K. Smith, of Knox's Church, Galt. The Moderator having stated his reasons for calling the meeting, and the circular having been read which he had addressed to members, it was agreed unanimously that his conduct be sustained. The Presbytery took up the call, which was signed by 91 members and 69 adherents. The Clerk reported the action he had taken to give due notice to all parties interested that they might appear to-day. Compared as commissioners from the Presbytery of Halifax, and the congregation of Fort Massey to prosecute the call, Dr. Topp of Toronto, and William Clarke, M. D., of Paris, and from the Kirk Session and congregation of Knox's Church, Galt, Mr. Thomas Rutherford and Mr. James Kaye, Mr. Smith appeared for himself. Reasons for and against the translation were read. The Commissioners on both sides were heard, after which Mr. Smith was called upon to state his mind in regard to the call which had been placed in his hands, when he declared his acceptance of the same, with the reasons which led him to this decision. Parties were then withdrawn. After deliberation it was moved and unanimously agreed that the Presbytery having read the call from the congregation of Fort Massey, Halifax, to the Rev. J. K. Smith, of Knox's Church, Galt, one of their number,—having heard the deputation sent to prosecute the call,