

desirable to be embraced by the Presbytery :—South of the Ottawa River, the townships of W. Hawksbury, Longueuil, Alfred and New Plantagenet, in the County of Prescott; the counties of Russell and Carlton; the townships of Beckwith, Ramsay, Pakenham and Darling in the County of Lanark; the county of Renfrew, including the country on the south of the Ottawa River west to Lake Nipissing; and north of the Ottawa River the counties of Ottawa and Pontiac. A committee was appointed to take into consideration all matters connected with a Presbytery fund, and to devise some means whereby the travelling expenses of the ministers and representative elders of the different churches to the regular meetings of the Presbytery, shall be met by an equitable assessment upon each congregation, according to its membership. The resignation of Mr. McEwen of the pastoral charge of Calvin Church, Pembroke, was taken up. The Rev. J. Crombie, who had been appointed to serve the edict and meet with the congregation and session, gave a very satisfactory report of the manner in which he had performed this duty, and handed in the copy of a minute passed by both the session and congregation, expressing strong attachment to Mr. McEwen as their pastor, and their sincere regret that he has intimated his intention to resign his pastoral charge, testifying that his ministrations had been greatly blessed, not only in the town congregation, but also in Alice, where he been building up a congregation which had lately been set off as a separate charge; stating that nevertheless they had resolved to offer no objection to the acceptance of the resignation, and expressing their best wishes for his future prosperity. Mr. McEwen stated that he still adhered to the demission handed in. The Presbytery then agreed to accept of the resignation and to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between Mr. McEwen and the congregation of Pembroke on and after the last Sabbath of July, and appointed Mr. Stewart to preach, and declare the charge vacant on the first Sabbath of August. Mr. John McMullen was appointed Treasurer of the Presbytery Fund. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held within Bank Street Church, Ottawa, on Tuesday the 3rd August, at 3 p.m.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.—The first meeting of the Presbytery of Brockville of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was held in St. John's Church on Tuesday the 29th of June. There were thirteen ministers and two elders present. The Rev. Dr. Bain, of Perth, was appointed Moderator, and Mr. Crombie, of Smith's Falls, Clerk. The resignation of Mr. Taylor, of Spencerville, which he had tendered some time ago in order to the union of the Presbyterians in that place, was accepted, and Mr. Hastie was appointed to declare the pastoral charge vacant. Mr. Mullan, of Spencerville, gave notice of his resignation of his charge at Spencerville in order to the union of all Presbyterians of that place. His resignation was ordered to lie on the table, and a special meeting of Presbytery appointed to be held at Prescott on the 14th July in order to dispose of the same, and to take steps towards the union of the congregations there. Various deputations were present from the Eastern section of the Presbytery seeking the readjustment and rearrangement of the stations in that part, and the Presbytery ordered a general citation of the congregations affected, in order to place the whole field in that quarter on a more satisfactory footing as to ministerial labour. The work of Home Missions engaged the attention of the Presbytery, and a committee was appointed to take charge of that important department of the Church's work, and to make the best arrangement possible in the present circumstances of the field. A vote of sympathy with Mr. Traver, of Brockville, in his continued affliction, was proposed by Mr. McGillivray, and unanimously adopted, prayer being offered on his behalf, and the Moderator and Mr. Hastie deputed to convey to Mr. Traver the expression of the Presbytery's sympathy with him in his affliction. Mr. Wm. J. Dey, M.A., student of Montreal College, having passed with approbation his public probationary trials, was licensed to preach the gospel. After dispatching other matters of routine, the Presbytery