

A letter from Mr. Robert Rodgers, intimating his desire to withdraw his acceptance of the call from the Rothsay congregation, was read. After due consideration of all the circumstances of the case, the Presbytery agreed to Mr. Rodgers' request and cancelled their appointment of the day of his induction. A deputation, consisting of the Clerk and Messrs. McMechan and Cuthbertson, was appointed to visit the congregation.

A call to Mr. John Fraser of Thamesford, from the Acton congregation, was laid on the table and sustained, and Messrs. Ball and Alex. McLean were appointed to prosecute Mr. Fraser's translation before the Presbytery of London.

Answers to Mr. Hodgkin's Reasons of Complaint against the decision of the 31st December last were presented by the committee appointed to prepare them, and adopted. The Clerk was appointed to defend the Presbytery's decision at the bar of the Synod.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The Presbytery of Montreal met at Montreal on the 14th instant—Rev. D. Black, Moderator. There was a good attendance of ministers.

Mr. Bald was appointed in the meantime to officiate at Laquerre; Mr. Mitchell was appointed to Alexandria till the last Sabbath of May, and from the first Sabbath of June to Mille Isle, Mr. Cameron, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Greenfield, Mr. Gordon, and Mr. Currie, were appointed to give each an evening service in rotation at Alexandria, beginning with the first Sabbath of June.

The Presbytery nominated Dr. Burns as Moderator of the next Synod, and Mr. Paterson as a member of the Business Committee.

The Formula was considered, and various verbal alterations proposed and adopted.

The Standing Orders were agreed to with one emendation regarding the Convener of the Business Committee.

The Act for the admission of ministers from other churches was unanimously adopted, as also the Barrier Act.

The Act regarding the representation of ministerial charges in the Synod and Presbyteries was adopted with an emendation regarding colleagues and successors.

Mr. McVicar requested leave of absence for three months, which was granted.

Several circular letters were read, and objection was taken to the admission of Mr. Stuart into the church.

The Presbytery adjourned, to meet for ordinary business on the second Tuesday of August next.

ALEX. F. KEMP,

Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

This Presbytery met at Smith's Falls on the evening of the 6th May. There were present ten ministers and three elders. The opening sermon was preached by Mr. McKinnon.

The whole of the evening sederunt was taken up with devotional exercises and hearing from Mr. McEwen a statement of the origin, character and progress of the awakening in Cumberland. Mr. Wardrope also spoke on this work. As I believe that this subject will engage the interest of the church, I transcribe in full the minute of Presbytery relative thereto:—

“Mr. McEwen, on the call of the Moderator, and with the unanimous concurrence of the Presbytery, gave a full and detailed account of a very manifest and general revival of religious interest in his congregation that has recently taken place and that still, so far as can be judged, even continues to exist and extend itself throughout that neighbourhood. Very ample and satisfactory answers were given by Mr. McEwen to various questions put by several of the Brethren relative to the commencement of this awakening, the manner in which the meetings for prayer and reading of the Scriptures were conducted, the means adopted with inquirers, and the effect generally of this increased attention to spiritual matters, as well upon the community at large as upon the church and congregation itself.