

control of the Church by the State, or any coercion of individual conscience in matters of belief.

The proposed 8th clause of Knox's College Charter, sent down by the Synod, was then considered, and it was agreed to approve the clause, so far as the words "union in fellowship," and to recommend that the remainder be entirely omitted.

The case of the congregation at Indian Lands, which had repeatedly engaged the attention of the Presbytery, was referred for advice to the Synod.

The Rev. James Allan, Probationer, at present supplying St. John's Church, Quebec, presented his credentials from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland.

The Presbytery adjourned, to meet in the same place on Wednesday, 19th May, at noon.

At the adjourned meeting, on the 19th May, the unanimous call from St. Gabriel Street Church to the Rev. David Inglis, was laid on the table. On motion made and seconded, it was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted to the Clerk of the Presbytery of Bedford, N. Y.

THE PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

The Presbytery of Perth held its regular tri-annual meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, 11th and 12th May instant, at Carleton-Place, Beckwith. The meeting was not so well attended as usual—none of the ministers from the Eastern Section, and but few elders having been present. A considerable amount of business of a varied nature was transacted.

Messrs. Melville, Gourlay, Gray, Duncan and Fraser, severally reported that they had visited and preached as appointed at North Gower and Richmond, and that they considered the prospects such as to warrant the continuance of their efforts to supply that interesting and necessitous locality.

A deputation from North Gower compared—requesting the services of a resident Catechist;—and manifested the sincerity and willingness of the people, by the production of a well-filled and very creditable subscription-list. The Presbytery resolved to appoint Mr. David Wardrope—the only Catechist or Missionary at their disposal—to labor there during the term allowed by the Home Missionary Committee.

Notwithstanding the distressing destitution within our bounds—greater in many respects I believe than in any other Presbytery,—notwithstanding the unvarnished statement that was presented, and the very moderate demand that was made upon the Home Missionary Committee, not for supply, but only for aid in our work, two Catechists only were assigned to us—one at the time and since suffering from indisposition—the other for a term of three months! In consequence, the vacant Congregations of Ramsay, Dalhousie, and Bristol, besides all the Mission Stations but one, are left with no prospect of enjoying the ministrations of the Sanctuary, except what services the brethren may be enabled to spare from their own Congregations, whose good nature in this respect has been already severely tested.

It was resolved that the Editor of the Record be requested to give publicity in that paper to the notice which is hereby given:—That hereafter this Presbytery will not undertake to find employment for, nor be responsible for the expenses or remuneration of Missionaries who may come of their own accord, or may be sent into the bounds, without their previous knowledge and request. Nor will they recognize Catechists as having any claim upon them, until they have reported themselves to the Presbytery or Mission Committee, and received directions as to their procedure.

The proposed Declaratory Act ament certain passages in the Confession of Faith, &c., &c., which had been the subject of conversation on previous occasions, was read clause by clause, and attentively considered. The Presbytery arrived at a very harmonious conclusion respecting

it, and a small Committee was appointed to frame a decision accordingly—to receive, if agreeable, the sanction of the whole Presbytery at an early meeting in Kingston. In the meantime, while this decision is withheld—I think I may take the liberty of stating three objections which we have to the proposed Act—First, This Declaratory Act would probably require before long, if not immediately, another Declaratory Act or two to explain it. Secondly,—Instead of framing a long act to explain what should be a plain statement of our views of Scripture—i. e. "The Confession"—we think it would be a simpler thing and wiser by far, to have a Confession written in plain intelligible language—or simply to erase from "The Confession" the passages which have wounded the conscience of men, not only as sincere, but quite as intelligent as their opponents. Thirdly,—In the event of such a suggestion not finding favour with the Synod, we would rather take "The Confession" just as it is, than saddled with this Declaratory Act.

The following overture ament the standing of ministers of this Church and of the sister Churches in Scotland and Ireland in these Churches respectively, was introduced, sustained, and ordered to be transmitted to the Synod—

"Whereas, by a recent deliverance of this Synod, a certain Status has been assigned to Ministers and others coming from the Free Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian Church of Ireland respectively; And whereas the Status of Ministers of this Church in these Churches has not been officially or regularly declared; Be it humbly averted to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada by the Presbytery of Perth, that means be taken to ascertain the position of Ministers going to Scotland or Ireland, with the view of maintaining a perfect reciprocity."

Mr. Peter Duncan, Student of Knox's College, and Mr. John McEwen, intending Student, compared and were examined—the former in reference to his studies, &c., during the past Session, the latter upon his views, attainments, &c. Both of these young men receive and deserve the esteem and approbation of every member of the Presbytery.

Some appointments for preaching, &c., were given, and routine business transacted, after which the Presbytery closed, to meet at Kingston during the Session of Synod.

P. GRAY, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of London was held at London on the 12th day of May. The following statement contains a notice of the most important matters which engaged the attention of the Court.

The minutes of two *pro re nata* meetings were read and sustained. The one meeting was held at St. Thomas' on the 11th of February, at which the pastoral tie between the Rev. J. Fraser and the Congregation of Fingal was dissolved, and his charge confined to St. Thomas'; the other meeting at Woodstock on the 25th of February, at which a Call was moderated in from the Gaelic Congregation there in favour of the Rev. D. McDiarmid, and Mr. McDiarmid's acceptance of the same given in.

A communication was laid on the table from the Presbytery of Montreal, by John Fraser, Esq., who acted as Commissioner, containing a Call from the Congregation of Inverness, Canada East, in favour of the Rev. John Fraser, minister of the gospel at St. Thomas', accompanied with an engagement to pay a yearly stipend of £100, and to provide besides a manse and 50 acres of land. The Presbytery agreed to sustain the Call, and instructed the Clerk to transmit the same to Mr. Fraser, requesting an early reply for the guidance of the Presbytery in the matter.

The Rev. D. McDiarmid's trials for ordination were heard and sustained, and his ordination appointed to take place on Wednesday the 26th of

May. Mr. McKenzie to preach and preside, Mr. Ball to address the minister, and Mr. Ross to address the people.

A Petition was presented by the Rev. D. McRuar, from the Session of Wills' Church, Blenheim, praying for transference to the Presbytery of Hamilton, and embodying reasons for the same. The Presbytery agreed to receive the Petition, and resolved to request permission from the Synod to make the desired transference.

A Petition was also laid on the table from the inhabitants of Melrose, East Zorra, requesting that they might be recognised as a station in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, with a view to their being joined to Blandford, which Petition the Presbytery agreed to grant.

On a request having been made from the Congregation of St. Andrew's, for the dispensation of the holy ordinance of the Lord's Supper, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Ross, and Mr. McDiarmid were appointed to dispense that ordinance there as early as possible.

The Missionaries and Catechists under the direction of the Presbytery received the following appointments. Mr. McDiarmid, to Dochester and St. Andrew's till his ordination; Mr. Tolmie, to Wallaceburgh; Mr. Crawford, to Sauguen, Mr. Nicholson to Fingal and Aldborough, and Mr. Peter Currie, to Carradoc for two months, and to Kincardine for the rest of the season. The Presbytery also agreed to send Mr. Archibald Currie, should his health permit, to the new settlement of Bosanquet, for a few months. A Petition was sent by the Presbyterian inhabitants of this Township, requesting a supply of divine service, but by some mistake it did not arrive in time to be laid before the Presbytery.

The Presbytery having been disappointed in the meantime in a Missionary for Amherstburgh, appointed Mr. McColl and Mr. Macalister to visit it until Mr. McLaren, Student of Divinity, can be sent.

In consequence of increased deficiency in the Mission Fund, the Presbytery resolved that each member should make a special effort, either by subscription or collection, before the next ordinary meeting to supply this deficiency.

Quarterly Financial Reports were read by the Clerk, from all the Congregations belonging to the Presbytery, with the exception of the Congregations of St. Thomas', Stratford, and Chatham.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed to take place on the second Wednesday of August.

J. SCORRY, P. Clerk.

[FOR THE RECORD]

VIEWS OF LONDON, CANADA WEST.

"Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities, thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken." Isaiah, xxxiii. chap. and 20th verse.

"Zion, the city of our God,
How glorious is the place,
The Saviour there, has his abode,
And sinners see his face."

Some may think on reading the portion which we have given from the Evangelical Prophet, that it is badly timed for present circumstances, as our Church property has been lost in the township of Williams, and our property in London thrown into the Court of Chancery. But we think not so. So far as Christ has a cause to sustain in London or elsewhere, he will do it, and even in troublous days the eye of faith can see Jerusalem, to be a quiet habitation, and a tabernacle that shall not be taken down, whatever may betide some of her outward arrangements.

Leaving preliminary remarks, we would now take some additional views of this town—Approaching London from the northern or Gode-