

to be held at 10 a.m., on Wednesday ; and the remainder of the forenoon *sedesunt* to be spent in a conference on some subject to be appointed by the Committee on the State of Religion.

An adjourned meeting was held as appointed on the 14th May. The examination and trial discourses of Mr. W. Armstrong having been sustained, he was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Daly Street Church, Ottawa, receiving from the Congregation a most hearty welcome.

J. CARSWELL, *Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—A meeting of this Presbytery was held in Guelph during the Synod, to dispose of the call from Chalmers' Church, Quebec, to Mr. Wright, of Ingersoll. Mr. Wright stated that, on public grounds, he thought it his duty to accept the call. Mr. McTavish moved, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, Elder, "That notwithstanding Mr. Wright has intimated that, on public grounds, he felt he should accept the call to Chalmers' Church, Quebec, and notwithstanding that the Presbytery are fully satisfied as to Mr. Wright's suitability for that field, yet considering the peculiar circumstances of the congregation of Erskine Church, Ingersoll, the Presbytery refuse the translation." It was moved in amendment by Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Sutherland, Elder, "That in view of Mr. Wright's expressed statement, that he thought it his duty, on public grounds, to accept the call, the Presbytery agree to this translation, while, at the same time, sympathizing with the congregation of Erskine Church, Ingersoll, in their peculiar circumstances." The motion was carried by a majority over the amendment, and Mr. Wright retained in his present charge.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—This Presbytery met on Monday, the 11th inst., in Division Street Church, Owen Sound—Mr. R. Dewar, Moderator. The Presbytery agreed to apply to the General Assembly for leave to take on trial for license Mr. H. H. McPherson. A circular letter was received from the Presbytery of Montreal, intimating their intention to apply to the General Assembly for leave to receive into the Ministry of the Canada Presbyterian Church Mr. John McLeod, a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Australia ; and also one from the Presbytery of Chatham, making the same application on behalf of Mr. Frederick Smith, a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. An extract minute of the Synod of Toronto was read, stating that Parry Sound Mission field was transferred from the Presbytery of Simcoe to that of Owen Sound, on the 2nd day of April last. Subjects of discourses to be read before the Presbytery were assigned to students laboring within the bounds during the summer months. Mr. Cameron was appointed to visit, as soon as possible, Parry Sound Mission field, and inquire into its present and future wants. Reports on the State of Religion were received from Sessions, and committed to Committee to draw up an abstract of them, and send it forward to the Clerk of the Synod of Toronto. The same Committee was requested to suggest topics for discussion at the Conference to be held on the State of Religion at the next ordinary meeting.

By petition from Allenford and Elsinore, the Presbytery entered upon the reconsideration of the union formed on the 10th of March last, between Derby, Allenford and Elsinore as one pastoral charge. After hearing delegates from these places, and a lengthened discussion by the Court, it was moved and seconded that the union at present existing between Derby, Allenford and Elsinore be dissolved, so as to allow Allenford and Elsinore to form a union with Tara Congregation in the Presbytery of Bruce ; and that Derby be supplied, in the meantime, with gospel ordinances in connection with South Diagonal, Hepworth, &c. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Dewar, and duly seconded, "That the case be referred *simpliciter* to the General Assembly for advice." On the vote being taken, 3 voted for the amendment, and 5 for the motion. The motion was declared carried, and the Presbytery decided accordingly. From this finding Messrs Dewar, Ormiston and White dissented.