

The Rev. John Logie demitted that part of his charge known as the Thames Road congregation. The congregation is to be cited to appear for their interests at the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

It was agreed that any members of Presbytery sent beyond the bounds of the Presbytery to attend to its business, have their expenses paid.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Clinton on the second Tuesday of October, at 11 o'clock.

A. D. M DONALD, *Presbytery Clerk.*

THE REV. MR. CHINIQUY.

Our readers are aware that a Committee was appointed to proceed to Kankakee and Ste. Anne, Illinois, to investigate on the spot the circumstances connected with Mr. Chiniquy and his congregation. We subjoin the following detailed account of the proceedings of the Committee.

This deputation left home on the 23rd June on this errand. They proceeded at once to Chicago and sought interviews with gentlemen there, from whom information regarding Mr. Chiniquy might be obtained. They met with several esteemed elders and one minister of the Presbytery there, by whom they were received with the utmost courtesy and kindness. From them much information was received. They had all been Mr. Chiniquy's friends at one time, and had done a good deal to befriend him, and promote the good work of reformation, of which, in Providence, he had been the chief instrument, but now they did not disguise the fact, that their opinions of Mr. Chiniquy were more or less unfavorable.

It was then agreed that one of the deputation should proceed to Rockford—a distance of about 90 miles west of Chicago—to see the clerk of the Presbytery, the Rev. J. M. Faris. By Mr. Faris they were received with the greatest kindness and cordiality. A document was here received from the Presbytery of Chicago, proffering to the deputation from Canada every information in their power to give. The deputy had also the pleasure of meeting with the Rev. Mr. Smith, of Willow Creek, a Canadian by-the-bye, and by both these gentlemen he was treated with all the confidence of a brother. Having spent two days with them, and obtained all the information with regard to Mr. Chiniquy and his case, which they had time to give, he joined the other members of the Committee, who had proceeded direct to Kankakee and Ste. Anne. At Kankakee they met with Mr. Staples, who, with the frankness of a Christian brother, gave them as much information on the subjects of inquiry, as a conference of about three hours would admit of. They also conferred with three lawyers in Kankakee, who were friendly to Mr. Chiniquy. On the Sabbath previous to this, Mr. Scott and Mr. Caven had met with Mr. Chiniquy's congregation in Kankakee, to the number of about 150 to 200 persons. They met also with the congregation of Ste. Anne, numbering about 500 or 600 persons. They addressed both congregations through an interpreter, Mr. Labelle, a student of the Canada Church, who also preached in French.

On Tuesday, 1st July, the deputation met with the Congregation under the pastorate of Mr. Chiniquy at Ste. Anne's, in the large building known as the College, and used both as a Church and Educational Institution. About 600 people were present. The three members of the Committee stated to them the object of their visit, the interest felt by the Church in Canada in their welfare, and their desire for the maintenance and extension of the work of reformation which had begun among them. They also asked from the people the exercise of Christian patience; stating, that although the work of inquiry was not altogether completed—and they could not at the present stage state what would be its final issue—they, however, deemed it proper to state that, having given a good deal of attention to the case, so far as they understood matters affecting Mr. Chiniquy, they saw no reason to withdraw their confidence from him, or to think that he might not in due time be received with confidence into the fellowship of the Canada Presbyterian Church. They also stated their love and regard for the Presbyterian Church of the United States, and, that they could not, as brethren, holding the same faith and practising the same Government, do anything that was unfriendly to them. They indicated further, that probably, through friendly correspondence with the Presbytery of Chicago, some escape might be found from the difficulties in which the congregation was at present involved.