

the congregation were anxious that he should continue their pastor. It was agreed, after careful and mature consideration, and with extreme reluctance, to accept Mr. Meldrum's resignation of his pastoral charge, and his pastoral relation to Harrington was accordingly dissolved. Mr. Findlay was appointed, on the following Sabbath, to declare the church vacant. A committee was appointed to prepare a minute on Mr. Meldrum's resignation, and Dr. Waters was appointed Moderator, *ad interim*, of the Session of Harrington.

JOHN FOTHERINGHAM, *Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The Presbytery of Paris held an adjourned meeting within Erskine Church, Ingersoll, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of August. There was a good attendance of Ministers and Elders.

The Rev. Mr. White, of the Irish Presbyterian Church, and Messrs. King, of Toronto, Cross, of Newcastle, McDonald, of Thamesford, and J. B. Duncan, being present, were asked to sit as corresponding members.

Mr. McMullen reported that he had preached and moderated in a call for a minister to the vacant congregations of Ratho and Innerkip, and laid upon the table said call, unanimous and largely signed, in favor of the Rev. John Aull, of Brantford. Messrs. Hart and Craig, commissioners from the congregations of Ratho and Innerkip, were heard in support of the call. Mr. McMullen's conduct having been sustained, the Presbytery unanimously sustained the call, and instructed the clerk to forward it to the clerk of the Toronto Presbytery, to be proceeded with according to the laws of the Church. Mr. Craig was appointed to represent the congregation of Innerkip, Mr. McMullen that of Ratho, and Mr. Cochrane to represent the Presbytery of Paris, at the meeting of the Toronto Presbytery.

The Clerk read minutes of a congregational meeting of Dumfries St. Church, Paris, at which it was agreed, by a majority, to ask the Presbytery to appoint one of their number to moderate in a call for a minister at an early date.—Messrs. Finlayson and Penman were heard in support of the same. After discussion the request was granted, and Mr. Cochrane appointed to preach and moderate in a call for a minister to said church, on Tuesday, the 6th day of September, at 11 o'clock, forenoon.

The Presbytery then proceeded to hear the trial discourses of Mr. Peter Wright, Minister elect of Erskine Church, Ingersoll. He was also examined at length in the various branches of theology, history and the languages, after which, the Presbytery having taken a conjunct view of the whole, agreed unanimously to express their satisfaction therewith, and to proceed with his ordination and induction at 7 p. m.

In the evening, the induction services were proceeded with before a large congregation. The Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Hume, presided, Mr. Robertson, of Norwich, preached the sermon, Mr. Inglis, of Ayr, addressed the newly ordained minister, and Mr. McQuarrie, of Blenheim, the congregation.

The Presbytery then proceeded to consider Mr. Straith's resignation of the pastoral charge of Knox's Church, Ingersoll. The commission appointed at last meeting of Presbytery—Messrs. McKuer, Lowry and Cochrane—gave in their report, which was read by Mr. Lowry.

On motion made and seconded, the report was received, and the commissioners thanked for their diligence. The report concluded by stating, that nothing was said at the congregational meeting that cast the least reflection upon the consistency, devotedness or faithfulness of Mr. Straith as a Gospel minister; but that, on the other hand, much testimony was borne to the value of his ministrations amongst them; but that the commissioners, having taken a full view of all the circumstances of the case, and having duly considered all the interests involved, regret that they cannot advise the Presbytery to refuse accepting Mr. Straith's resignation.

Messrs. Davidson and Leeper appeared for the majority of the congregation,