

these parties to appear personally, instructed the Session to forward the usual certificate of dis-junction.

The Rev. Walter Inglis, demitted the part of his charge called Bervie.

The congregation was cited to appear for their interests at a meeting of Pres-bytery to be held 26th instant.

J. B. Taylor, after passing with approbation the usual trials, was licensed to preach the Gospel.

A. D. McDONALD, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.

The above Presbytery met at Columbus, on Tuesday the 4th of August.

Mr. Lawrence having acted as Moderator for the previous twelve months, it was moved and unanimously agreed, that Dr. Thornton be now called to the chair, and he took the chair accordingly.

The Clerk produced and read an extract minute of the Synod in reference to the Ashburn case, which the Pres-bytery ordered to be engrossed in their minutes.

Read a paper purporting to be from the Session of Ashburn and Utica, and also papers from the congregations of Ashburn and Utica, embodying resolutions anent the late finding of the Synod in reference to their minister and those associated with him as elders. Considerable discussion ensued from the reading of these papers, as they condemned the finding referred to, asked a reconsideration of it on the part of the Synod, and informed the Presbytery in the meantime, that any attempt they might take to carry out the finding, by either preaching the church vacant, or removing the elders from office, would meet with resistance. It was moved, however, and agreed, to allow the papers in the meantime to lie on the table. Whereupon a complaint was lodged by Mr. Gilbert Fergusson, with leave to appeal to the Synod, in his own name, and in name of the people of Ashburn and Utica, whom he represented. Mr. Sharp also complained and appealed. And both of them craved extracts.

The Rev. Mr. Lumsden for many years a Presbyterian minister in the United States, made application to be received as a minister of this church, and produced a certificate from a Presbytery of the O. S. Church. The Presbytery appointed a Committee consisting of Messrs. Lawrence and Smith, with their representative elders, to confer with Mr. Lumsden in terms of the act of Synod, and report.

The following Committee was appointed for the examination of students, viz., Dr. Thornton, Messrs. Lawrence, Windel, and Riddell.—Dr. Thornton to be Convener; the said Committee to hold their meeting on the 5th of October, and report to the Presbytery the following day.

R. MONTEATH, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

This Presbytery held its regular quarterly meeting on the 4th and 5th of August.

The opening sermon was preached by Mr. Duncan.

The Presbytery, as usual, devoted the first evening to devotional exercises, and hearing from Mr. McEwen an account of the religious movement in Tarbolton, as observed by him on the occasion of his visit to that place. Mr. McEwen was requested to give in a written statement.

Mr. A. Grant was transferred to the Presbytery of Hamilton, for the remainder of his trials for license.

Mr. George Grant had the subjects of his trial discourses presented to him.

Mr. W. M. Mackey, after the usual trials, was licensed to preach the Gospel.

Mr. McEwen gave in the resignation of his charge, on being appointed Agent of the Kingston and Ottawa Auxiliary Bible Societies. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—That in view of the importance of the work and of Mr. McEwen's expressed conviction of his duty to devote himself to that work, in view also of his generally acknowledged fitness for it, and of the fact that delegates from the congregation, while expressing their deep regret that Mr. McEwen should have felt himself called upon to take such a step, nevertheless deem it to be unadvisable to offer any opposition to his doing so—the Presbytery agree to release Mr. McEwen from his charge in Cumberland, recording at the same time their unabated confidence