

the Congregation expressed their acquiescence in the Synod's deliverance in the case. Dr. Burns was also heard, who expressed his acceptance of the appointment to the chair of Church History in Knox's College.

After lengthened conversation on the exact meaning of the terms of the Synod's deliverance, and after due deliberation on the whole case, the following motion was unanimously agreed to.

Dr. Burns having intimated his acceptance of the appointment of Synod as Professor of Church History, and the Evidences of Christianity in Knox's College, the Presbytery, in accordance with the instructions of Synod, now release Dr. Burns from the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Knox's Church.

In thus formally dissolving the connection between Dr. Burns and the Congregation of Knox's Church, as Pastor and people, the Presbytery would put on record their sense of Dr. Burns' untiring zeal, energy, and diligence, both in the discharge of pastoral duties, and also in evangelistic labours in other parts of the Church. They cheerfully bear testimony, also to the great attention which he has given to the general business of this Presbytery.

The Presbytery might say more, were it not that they will still have the presence and aid of Dr. Burns as a co-Presbyter, and they would, therefore only add, the expression of their earnest desire and trust, that he may be greatly blessed in the new position, which in the providence of God he is called to occupy.

The Presbytery appoint Rev. Mr. Harris to act as Moderator of Session, and Messrs. Wightman, Nisbet, and Reid ministers, with Messrs. John Armour, Alex. Wallace and Donald Elder, elders, as assessors, instructing them as a Session, to deal with all papers in their hands affecting this cause, in the spirit of the Synod's deliverance, with the view to the avoidance of heart-burning in the Congregation, and the re-establishment of harmony.

The Presbytery further appoint Rev. Mr. McLachlan to preach in the pulpit of Knox's Church on Sabbath 27th inst., and declare the pulpit vacant from that date.

On motion it was further agreed, that Messrs. Lowry, Reid and Young be appointed a Committee to confer with the Trustees of Knox's Church with a view to the carrying out of the Synod's deliverance in the matter of the alteration of the constitution of Knox's Church.

On the 16th of July, an ordinary meeting of Presbytery was held, which was attended by fifteen Ministers and three Elders. Rev. J. Nisbet was appointed Moderator for the year. The principal matters before the Court were the following:

Rev. A. C. Geikie was formally received as an ordained Minister of this Church, in terms of the Synod's deliverance. The case of Mr. Laing of Scarboro, who had been called by the Synod to labour as a Missionary in India was then taken up. A large deputation of Mr. Laing's Congregation appeared, and most urgently entreated the court not to sever the pastoral tie, binding a united and attached flock to their highly esteemed pastor, who is labouring in a field so promising, in which his labours having been so manifestly blessed during the short period of his incumbency. A minute of Congregational meeting containing appointment of the deputation—also a petition numerously signed, were handed in and read. A letter from Mr. Laing, who was necessarily absent on the mournful occasion of the death of his only brother, was received and read, Mr. Lowry was heard on behalf of the Foreign Mission Committee. After mature deliberation the following was unanimously agreed to:—

That considering, as appears from the statements made by the representatives of the Congregation of Scarboro, that the Lord has been, especially for the last few months, honour-

ing the labours of Mr. Laing in a very marked manner, in his present sphere of labour; considering also, the very strong opposition made by them to his removal from them; and considering further, that though his sense of the importance of the Foreign Mission field is not altered, and he is quite willing to leave the whole matter in the hands of the Presbytery, and enter cheerfully on the duties of the Foreign Mission, it set apart for that work, he feels the importance of those considerations which operate on the minds of the Presbytery, the Presbytery, believing that the Synod did not intend to enjoin them to loose Mr. Laing, without regarding any statement that he or his congregation might make before the Presbytery, as indicated in that the Synod merely call and invite Mr. Laing to enter on the Foreign Mission work, find that it is inexpedient in the circumstances to loose him from his present sphere, and direct their clerk to intimate this deliverance to the Foreign Mission Committee.

Parties being recalled, the decision come to was intimated to them, in which they all acquiesced. It was agreed, that the documents given in be transmitted along with the deliverance to the Foreign Mission Committee.

Mr. Edward D. Montgomery, probationer of the Free Church of Scotland, designated a Missionary to Canada by the Colonial Committee of that Church, was introduced to the Presbytery; and received as a probationer of this Church, and, with the concurrence of the Convener of the Home Mission Committee, was appointed to labour within the bounds of the Presbytery in the mean time.

The case Caledon West and Erin was next taken up. The report of the Committee appointed to visit the Congregations was given in. The report of the Committee was received. A petition signed by a considerable number of members and adherents connected with these congregations, was laid on the table and read.

After a full deliberation, the following motion by Dr. Burns was agreed to, viz.

That taking into consideration the statement of the Committee, and the petition laid on the table by the Committee, and from information otherwise furnished, the Presbytery are of opinion that in order to secure the great ends of usefulness and comfort, in both congregations and the adjoining districts, a Gaelic speaking Minister is essential to the pastoral charge of Caledon W. and Erin, and therefore decline to concur in the election of a Minister who has not the Gaelic, and appoint this resolution to be communicated to the parties interested, that they may with all convenient speed make a selection of a Minister from among the clergymen or licentiates of this Church, who is able to officiate among them in English and Gaelic.

At the same time the Presbytery record their opinion, that on each Sabbath, one service in English will be needed in both places. The Presbytery further appoint Dr. Willis to preach in the Congregations, and intimate this resolution with the grounds of it, and to express the sympathy of the Presbytery, with the Congregations in the prolonged vacancy to which they have been subjected, and the resolution of the Presbytery to give the best supply they can possibly find.

The East Toronto case was next brought up. Mr. Ure Convener of Committee of inquiry in the case gave in a verbal report. It was on motion agreed to receive the report, and adopt its suggestions, to the effect that things remain as they are in the meantime, and until some satisfactory arrangement can be made, for otherwise supplying East Toronto Congregation, and for the purpose of bringing about such arrangements; continue the Committee with the addition of Messrs. Adams and Wightman.

It was reported on behalf of the brethren previously appointed with Presbyterial powers, to act in moderating in a call to a Minister in

Cooke's Church, Toronto, and taking the necessary steps to give effect to such call, that they had met in Cooke's Church on the evening of Monday 3rd of July. That after service by Rev. Dr. Willis, a cordial and unanimous call had been given to the Rev. Andrew Marshall, Minister of the Gospel; and having witnessed the call signed by all present they had sustained the same, and had transmitted it to Mr. Marshall at present labouring as a Missionary in New Brunswick. This report was received; and the action of the Committee in the premises was sustained by the Presbytery. Mr. Marshall's letter of acceptance of the call was laid on the table and read, whereupon the Presbytery, on motion, agreed that Mr. Marshall's induction take place in Cooke's Church, Toronto, on Wednesday the 6th of August, at seven o'clock in the evening. The Edict to be served on the two preceding Sabbaths; Mr. Lowry to preach on the occasion, and Dr. Willis to address the Minister, and Mr. Reid to address the people.

Messrs. Ure, Gray, and Reid, were appointed a Committee, for making arrangements and holding meetings within our bounds, for the purpose of bringing before the people the claims of the College, more especially of the Building Fund.

Mr. McTavish brought before the Court the duty of using some more direct efforts towards promoting the revival of religion throughout our bounds, either in connexion with our Missionary meetings, or in some way, as may be deemed most likely, with the Divine blessing, to promote this most desirable result. After some conversation, it was agreed to hold a conference on the revival of religion, at next ordinary meeting.

Mr. John Murray delivered, with approbation, several of his trial discourses, and Mr. John McKay after going through all his public probationary trials, was licensed to preach the Gospel.

THOS. WIGHTMAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

This Presbytery met at Melrose, on the 16th July. In accordance with the resolution of Synod, the name of Mr. James A. Thompson, of Tronton, who was present, was added to the roll of the Presbytery, and he was invited to take part in the proceedings. Mr. D. Pearce was appointed Moderator for the ensuing year.

Mr. Gregg having reported that the Edict of induction had been regularly served, the Presbytery proceeded to induct Mr. James Hume to the pastoral charge of the Congregations of Huntingdon and Tyendinaga.

Mr. Pearce preached from 1 Tim. i. 15. Mr. Young offered up the Induction prayer; the pastor was addressed by Mr. Gregg, and the people by Mr. Chambers. There was a large attendance of the Congregation, and the call having been unanimous, Mr. Hume enters on this extensive and important field of labour, with encouraging prospects of success.

Professor Young brought before the Presbytery the subject of Knox's College Buildings. He narrated the circumstances which led to the purchase of Elmsley house; described the plan of enlargement, so as to render it capable of accommodating 70 students, and urged the importance of having the whole amount for purchase and repairs paid off as soon as possible.

The Presbytery cordially resolved to take steps towards raising subscriptions for this purpose, and appointed a Deputation, consisting of Messrs. Wilson and Chambers to visit the different Congregations of the Presbytery, and present to them the claims of Knox's College.

A letter was read from the Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa, transferring Mr. Forrest, a candidate for license, now labouring in Madoc, to this Presbytery. Trial pieces were prescribed to him.

In compliance with petition, Messrs. Wilson and Pearce were appointed to moderate in a call