

sion, the Presbytery refer the whole case simpliciter to the Synod at its next meeting in Hamilton."

Mr. McLaren and Mr. Kemp were appointed to state the reference before the Synod, and all parties were cited *apud acta* to appear at said Synod for their interest.

Mr. Fraser, on behalf of the Coté Street Session, acquiesced and craved extracts which were granted.

Mr. McArthur gave notice that at next meeting of Presbytery he would bring up a motion on the subject of arrears of ministers' stipends.

The Moderator and the Clerk were appointed a deputation to hold fraternal fellowship on behalf of the Presbytery, with the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Montreal at its next meeting.

Mr. Crombie drew the attention of the Presbytery to a law passed last Session of the Provincial Parliament, which authorizes notices of public sales and of political transactions to be put on the doors of Protestant Churches in Canada East, also the public announcement of sheriffs' sales at the doors on Sabbath Day, as the congregation retires. Regarding this as a violation of the sanctuary of the Sabbath Day, the Presbytery appointed Mr. Crombie to make full inquiries regarding this matter, and to prepare a suitable petition to Parliament on this subject to the Synod, to be signed by the Moderator, and presented through one of the members for the city of Montreal.

The Presbytery approved of the Barrier Act simpliciter. Mr. McLaren having moved certain amendments which were not seconded, he dissented. The consideration of the Baptism of converts from the Church of Rome was, with other matters, remitted by the Synod, deferred till next meeting.

Financial Returns from congregations, according to the appointment of Presbytery, were received with but few exceptions. In general these returns were satisfactory,—the Synodical collections were made in all the congregations, and though the arrears of ministers' stipends were, in some cases, considerable, yet mitigating explanations were given as to most of them. The attention of office-bearers was directed to this and several items of debt on churches and manse.

It was agreed to ask missionary supply from the Home Mission Committee for Martintown and Williamstown, Finch, Kenyon, and La-guerre.

The Presbytery having been divided into districts arrangements were made for holding missionary meetings in all the congregations.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Montreal on the second Wednesday, 12th of May.

A. F. KEMP, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

This Presbytery met, *pro re nata*, on the 15th December, 1857, to consider calls from John Street Church, Belleville, to the Rev. William Frederick White; and from Chalmers' Church, Kingston, to the Rev. Peter Gray, of Beckwith.

The moderator gave his reasons for calling the meeting, which were approved of by the Presbytery.

The call from Chalmers' Church, Kingston, was then taken up. The Presbytery sustained the call, and agreed to transmit it to the Rev. the Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa; and Mr. Wilson was appointed commissioner to said Presbytery, to prosecute the call and request them to take the necessary steps with a view to Mr. Gray's translation as soon as convenient.

The Presbytery then took up the call from John Street Church, Belleville, to Mr. White. They sustained the call, but as Mr. White was expected in the evening, they adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock.

Evening Sederunt.—Mr. White appeared and presented his Presbyterial certificate from the Presbytery of Munster, Ireland; but not having with him certain other necessary documents, no business was done. The further consideration of the case was deferred until next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

At Belleville, 12th January, 1858, the Presbytery of Kingston met by appointment.

Mr. Thompson reported that he has dispensed the sacrament of the Lord's supper at Demorestville, on the 57th of December last; and that he and Mr. Chambers had held a missionary meeting there, on the Monday evening immediately succeeding.

Messrs. Wilson and Thompson reported in behalf of committees of supply for Chalmers' Church, Kingston, and John Street Church, Belleville, respectively, that, both pulpits had been regularly supplied since last meeting of Presbytery, with the exception of one Sabbath at Belleville, accounted for by the fact that the missionary at Demorestville did not receive notice of his appointment for that day until five days after it had been posted, when it was too late.

Pursuant to a resolution of Presbytery, 4th August last, at Picton, Statistical Schedules were presented by the clerk, and distributed amongst the members present.

The Presbytery then took the case of the call from John Street Church, Belleville, to the Rev. W. F. White. Mr. White, who was present, presented a document from the Colonial Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, designating him to the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick; also a paper from the Secretary of the Home Mission Committee of that Church, certifying that he had laboured as a missionary in that province from 7th July, to 17th September, 1857. These papers being deemed satisfactory, the Presbytery agreed to receive him into the Presbyterial Church of Canada. They then adjourned to meet next day at Trenton, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

At Trenton, 13th January, 1858, the Presbytery resumed the consideration of the call to Mr. White. In the peculiar circumstances of the case, they agreed to place the call in Mr. White's hands. He being present, intimated his acceptance of the call. The Presbytery thereupon appointed his induction to take place in John Street Church, Belleville, on the 26th inst., at 6½ o'clock, p. m.; the moderator to preside, Mr. Wishart to preach, Mr. Wilson to defend Presbyterial ordination, Mr. Gordon to address the minister, and Mr. Chambers the people; the edict to be served accordingly, by Dr. Holden, on the two intervening sabbaths.

Mr. Wilson gave a verbal report as to the state of the Home Mission Fund of the Presbytery, from which it appeared that the Presbytery were, to some amount, in debt, to missionaries. They agreed to exert themselves with a view to having the deficiency made up with the least possible delay.

A communication from the College Building Committee, was read. The Presbytery agreed to endeavour as far as circumstances would permit, to raise funds for College purposes. They then adjourned, to meet in John St. Church, Belleville, on Tuesday the 26th inst., at 4 p. m.

At Belleville, 26th January, 1858. The Presbytery of Kingston met according to adjournment. The Rev. R. Burns of St. Catharines being present, was asked to sit with the Presbytery, and take part in their deliberations.

An extract of minutes of the Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa, relative to the call from Chalmers Church Kingston to Rev. P. Gray of Brockville, was received, intimating that they had agreed to translate Mr. Gray, and that he was loosed from his charge on and after the fourth Sabbath of February next.

The second Tuesday of March, at 6 p. m. was appointed for his induction, in Chalmers' Church, Kingston, the edict to be served by Mr. Wilson, on the two preceding Sabbaths; the moderator to preside, Mr. White to preach, Mr. Gordon to address the minister, and Mr. Wilson the people.

The subject of Rev. W. F. White's induction was then taken up. Dr. Holden returned the edict, and certified that it had been served according to appointment. No objection being offered, the Presbytery agreed to proceed with the induction. The Rev. R. Burns was requested by Mr. Wishart, with the consent of the Presbytery, to preach on the occasion. He complied with the request, and preached to a large and respectable audience, an excellent discourse from the words "my yoke is easy," (Matt. xi. 30.) Mr. Wilson being then called upon, gave a lengthened and lucid vindication of Presbyterial ordination; after which the moderator put the usual questions to Mr. White, which he answered satisfactorily, when he was inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation, by solemn prayer, conducted by the moderator, and received the right hand of fellowship. He was then addressed by Mr. Gordon, and Mr. Chambers addressed the congregation, who, in retiring, after dismissal, had an opportunity of welcoming their young pastor amongst them, which they most cordially did. Mr. White was therefore invited to take his seat as a member of court, and his name was ordered to be put on the Presbytery's roll. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Chalmers' Church, Kingston, on Tuesday, the 9th of March next, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

J. A. THOMSON, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held at Hamilton on the 12th of January, and continued the following day. A large proportion of the ministers was present, but the attendance of elders was small.

Mr. Stark tendered his resignation of the Clerkship, and the Presbytery, in deference to his wishes, accepted his resignation and appointed that a minute should be drawn up expressive of their sense of obligation to him for his past services. Mr. Middlemiss was appointed to the vacant office.

The Rev. T. Alexander, formerly of Cobourg, being present, was invited to sit with the Presbytery.

The committee appointed at the previous ordinary meeting to draw up and transmit a petition for the removal of Mr. J. Hespeler from the commission of peace, reported that they had followed out the instructions of the Presbytery. Deep regret was expressed in relation to the decision of the Supreme Court, whereby the sentence of the inferior courts was cancelled, and Mr. Hespeler justified in a gross violation of the law of the Sabbath. The Committee was re-appointed with instructions to consider what is best to be done in the circumstances.

The Owen Sound case again occupied the attention of the Presbytery, and, having come to be of a very complicated character, was the subject of a lengthened discussion; but the Presbytery eventually agreed unanimously that Messrs. Burns and Alexander should proceed to Owen Sound early in February, and organize a new Congregation, and, if they they should see fit, moderate in a call.

The Presbytery appointed that Session Records should be brought forward for examination at the ordinary meeting in April, and that the consideration of all matters referred to Presbyteries by the Synod, should be taken up at the same meeting.

JAMES MIDDLEMISS, *Pres. Clerk.*