

Proceedings of Presbyteries, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

This Presbytery held its regular quarterly meeting in St. Andrew's church, London, on the 14th and 15th October. There were present thirteen ministers and eight elders.

A petition from Warwick, praying to be disjoined from the congregations of Adelaide, was laid on the table, and the Presbytery having heard delegates from both sections, agreed to grant the prayer of the petition.

Since the last regular meeting of Presbytery, the above congregations have been deprived of their excellent pastor, the Rev. Wm. Deas, whom it has pleased God in His all-wise Providence to remove by death. With respect to the deceased brother the Presbytery agreed to the following minute and ordered it to be engrossed in their records:—

"This Presbytery having learned of the death of the Rev. Wm. Deas, late of Adelaide and Warwick, in his brother's house in July last, soon after he arrived in Scotland, desire to record their respect for the memory of their deceased brother. They appreciate his varied excellencies as a man, and as a minister of the gospel of Christ, and particularly as a member of this court. He was always courteous; less obtrusive of his own views in the business of the court, than interested and acquiescent in its deliberations and decisions. Within the bounds of his own congregations he was conscientious, punctual, and faithful in the discharge of public duty. By his christian urbanity in his private intercourse with his people he was greatly endeared to them. During his ministry his congregations gradually increased, so that now on the event of his death, they are prepared to become two distinct ministerial charges.

"The members of this court would express their sympathy with the people of God in that section of the Lord's vineyard who mourn over the departure of their pastor so tenderly loved, to whom they gave so many tokens of their attachment while living among them, and in whose hearts (now that they see him no more) his memory will be retained as sacred, and associated with all that is sweet and attractive in christian love.

"They would also, by the decease of their late esteemed brother, lay to heart their own individual responsibility, and, as labourers in the Lord's vineyard, desire through grace to be more devoted, diligent, and faithful in the work of winning souls to Christ, that they may be found of him in peace at his coming."

The committee appointed to inquire into the state of the Plympton congregation submitted their report. The members of said committee having been heard, and also Mr. Troup, who expressed a willingness to resign his pastoral charge; it was agreed that, in compliance with a petition from Moore for moderation in a call, the Presbytery meet at Bear Creek on the 5th Nov. for that purpose, and that the congregations of Plympton be in due form cited to meet the Presbytery there.

Mr. A. Stewart delivered as part of his trial discourses, with a view to ordination and induction at Mosa, a lecture on Ps. xv., and a critical exercise on Heb. xii., 1-2, which discourses were approved and sustained. It was agreed to hear the remainder of Mr. Stewart's trials at next meeting of Presbytery.

A communication was read from St. Thomas congregation, asking for a moderation in a call. The Presbytery granted the application, and appointed a call to be moderated in there by the Rev. John Fraser and Mr. W. Clark, elder, on the 29th inst.

An application to be received into connection with the Canada Presbyterian church having been laid before the Presbytery by Mr. Thomas McCormick, a licentiate of Belfast Presbytery, Ireland, accompanied by a certificate and recommendation from the clerk of the Presbytery of Ohio (O. S.) it was agreed that Mr. McCormick's application lie on the table till next ordinary meeting of Presbytery; and that, should Mr. McCormick be residing within their bounds, the mission committee may in the meantime give him appointments to the extent in which his services may be required.

In compliance with a petition from the Windsor congregation, it was agreed to supplement the stipend of their pastor to the extent of \$100 as in the preceding year.

The Presbytery took up the application of the French Canadians at Windsor for christian instruction in connection with the C. P. Church, and agreed to appoint a