

NEW PRESBYTERIES.

There was produced and read a Memorial from the Presbytery of Guelph, craving the formation of a new Presbytery, to be composed of those charges at present belonging to that Presbytery situated in the Counties of Bruce and Grey. A similar Memorial from the Presbytery of Toronto, praying this Court to constitute the charges situated in the Eastern section of their bounds into a new Presbytery, to be called the "Presbytery of Victoria," was read. In connection with these Memorials, Mr. George Bell, Convener, gave in and read a report from the Committee on the re-distribution of charges in Western Presbyteries. Said report is of the following tenor, viz. :—

The Committee beg leave to recommend the Synod to adopt the following arrangement of Presbyteries :—

I. Formation of new Presbyteries :—

1. A Presbytery to be called the "Presbytery of Victoria," and to consist of the charges of Thorah, Clarke, Peterboro', Eldon, Brock, Lindsay, Port Hope, Cobourg, Balsover, Dummer, and Fenelon, with contiguous Mission-territory.
 2. A Presbytery to be called the "Presbytery of Saugeen," and to consist of the charges of Leith and Johnson, Paisley, Owen Sound and Derby, Priceville, Mount Forest, Kincardine, and South Elderslie, with contiguous Mission-territory.
- The Synod to appoint a Moderator, and name a time and place of meeting for each of these Presbyteries.

II. Alteration of Bounds :—

1. The Presbytery of Toronto to consist of all the charges and Mission-territory at present within its bounds, with the exception of that portion forming in the new Presbytery of Victoria.
2. The Presbytery of Hamilton to comprise the charges and Mission-territory heretofore included in the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Niagara, and that part of the Presbytery of Guelph not included in the new Presbytery of Saugeen.

III. The Presbytery of London to remain as at present constituted.

The Committee recommend that the Presbytery of Hamilton be instructed to hold its ordinary meetings at Hamilton and Guelph alternately, the Synod naming a day for meeting and appointing a Moderator to constitute the meeting. Also that the Records and other documents belonging to the Presbyteries of Guelph and Niagara be put in charge of the Presbytery of Hamilton.

It was moved by Dr. Cook, and seconded by Judge Logie, That the Synod decern in terms of the report. To this it was moved in amendment by Mr. George Macdonnell, and seconded by Mr. James B. Muir, That the Presbyteries of Hamilton and Niagara be reunited, and that the Presbytery of Guelph be continued, comprising the congregations