

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met at Beamsville, on the 2nd ult., to induct the Rev. Alexander Dawson, M. A., late of Ashburn and Utica, into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian churches in the village, and in Chiton, and to transact other business. The Moderator, *pro tempore*, was Mr. S. C. Fraser, and besides him there were six Ministers and two Elders present. Mr. Laing, of Dundas, preached from Acts i., 8. Mr. Dawson was then inducted in the usual way. Mr. McCall and Mr. Fletcher addressed the Minister and the congregation respectively. Mr. Dawson received a cordial welcome from the congregation. Having promised to sign the formula when asked to do so, his name was put upon the roll of the Presbytery. This settlement is most harmonious, and promises to be productive of good to all parties. A letter from Mr. Stev. n was read to the effect that he declined the call given to him by the congregation of Jarvis and Walpole. The minute relating to the call given to Mr. A. B. Simpson, from Chalmers' Church, Quebec, was read. To meet the convenience of parties, the Presbytery agreed to adjourn to meet in Central Church, Hamilton, to-morrow forenoon, at 11 o'clock. Mr. Fletcher reported that on the 18th of November he had moderated in a call at Waterdown, which resulted unanimously in favour of Mr. Alexander Gilray, Probationer. The call was signed by 93 members and 34 adherents. The stipend promised was \$300 per annum, and a manse. The call was sustained, and the usual steps taken to secure the settlement. According to adjournment, the Presbytery met on the 3rd, in Central Church, Hamilton, and was constituted by Mr. Murray, Moderator, *pro tempore*, ten Ministers and three Elders present. The Presbytery took up the consideration of the call to Mr. Simpson, from Quebec. At this stage papers were read to the effect that the Chestnut Street Church, in Louisville, Kentucky, had also called Mr. Simpson. The stipend promised was \$5,000 per annum. The parties present were fully heard, and at the close of Mr. Simpson's statement, he intimated his acceptance of the call at Louisville. The Presbytery agreed to grant the translation, and to transfer Mr. Simpson to the care of the Louisville Presbytery, on the 20th inst., when the pastoral tie between him and Knox Church, Hamilton, is dissolved. A committee was appointed to report a suitable minute. Mr. Murray was appointed Moderator of Knox Church Session, and to declare the church vacant on the 21st instant.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS—This Presbytery met on Tuesday, 9th Dec., in Zion Church. There was a very full attendance of members. Among the more important items of business transacted were the following:—

Leave was granted to the Tilsonburg Congregation to mortgage their property to the extent of \$1,200, to enable them to erect a manse. The Rev. Mr. Alexander having intimated that the Burford Congregation had subscribed \$420 towards the erection of a Church, the Moderator and Clerk were instructed to give Mr. Alexander an extract of Presbytery certifying that the Burford Congregation have the approbation of Presbytery in their efforts to raise funds for the erection of a Church building. The Clerk then read returns made from Kirk Sessions and Congregations to the remit on Union, as sent down from the General Assembly. A Committee was appointed to tabulate the returns and report to next meeting of Presbytery. Messrs. Grant and Wright, of Ingersoll, with their respective elders, were the Committee named. The Presbytery then proceeded to discuss the "Basis of Union."

It was moved and seconded:—"The Presbytery of Paris having taken into consideration the Basis of Union and Deliverances, as transmitted by last General Assembly, approve of the same and express their earnest desire that Union may be effected on said Basis."

It was moved in amendment and seconded, "That this Presbytery while desirous of Union between the several negotiating Churches and while recognizing the substantial harmony which exists among them with regard to important points of faith and manners; Yet, in view of the fact that many Sessions and Congregations within our own bounds and that many esteemed and reverend Ministers