

support; that still he felt it to be his duty to remain where he was till suitable provision could be made for the supply of the means of grace in that locality; whereupon the Presbytery agreed to record their approbation of the conduct of Mr. Fettes, and of the christian spirit which his letter evinced, and resolved to appoint Mr. Robb and Mr. Stark to apply to the Synod's Home Mission Committee, (to meet at Hamilton the same day,) to make such arrangements as may enable the Presbytery of Montreal to relieve Mr. Fettes from his present sphere of labour, so soon as possible, and enable him to accept the call from Niagara, and to report to the Presbytery. This application was agreed to by the Home Mission Committee, and the Clerk was instructed to communicate the same to Mr. Fettes and the Presbytery of Montreal.

Mr. Donald McKenzie reported, as Convener of the Western Committee, on the subject of the call from the congregations at Eckfrid and Mossa, to Mr. W. R. Sutherland, and the satisfactory state of matters there; whereupon the Presbytery agreed to record that they are satisfied as to the provision made for the minister's support, and other matters, and appoint Mr. Sutherland's trials at Eckfrid, on the 15th February; appoint also the ministers or elders officiating there, on Sabbath the 30th instant, or the following Sabbath, to serve the edict for Mr. Sutherland's ordination; and in the event of his trials being sustained, and the Presbytery being satisfied, that his ordination shall take place, according to the laws of the Church, on the 16th of February ensuing,—the Rev. Mr. Allan, of North Easthope, to preach and preside, Rev. D. McKenzie, of Zorra, to address the minister, and the Rev. J. McKinnon, of St. Thomas, the people.

After having transacted other business of less importance, the Presbytery adjourned till the evening, when the Presbytery having resumed, the Clerk moved that, in accordance with a suggestion in a letter from the Rev. J. McGregor, of Guelph, the Presbytery appoint one of their number to return thanks to Almighty God for the safe return of their esteemed brother, the Rev. John Bayne, and for the success which has been vouchsafed to him in the accomplishment of his important mission.

Mr. Robb, on the call of the Moderator, engaged in prayer.

The following vote of thanks to the Presbytery from the congregation at Galt, was ordered to be recorded:

"That this meeting depute the Rev. Mr. Bayne to express to the Presbytery the gratitude of Knox's congregation for the manner in which they have supplied their pulpit during their pastor's absence in Scotland, and also to express their increased interest in the object of Mr. Bayne's mission, from having had an opportunity of hearing Messrs. Scott and Black, who give such high promise of usefulness in the Church."

A call from Chatham and neighbourhood, in favour of Mr. McColl, was given in; but the call and documents in connexion with it from Tilbury not being forward, the Presbytery agreed to refer the whole to the Western Committee, with power to summon a meeting of Presbytery to sustain the call, if they shall see fit, and take such farther steps as may be necessary to prosecute the case.

Mr. Bayne reported in the case of Mr. David McKenzie, that he had, according to the injunction of Presbytery, written to Mr. McKenzie, but had received no reply; and the Presbytery, on motion made and seconded, after having deliberately considered the whole circumstances of the case, resolved that no application from Mr. David McKenzie for admission as a member or minister of their Church, shall be entertained, without reference to the whole of the Presbytery's previous procedure in his case.

Instructions were renewed to ministers to give attention to the injunction of Synod as to a collection for the Jewish and Foreign Missions of the Free Church of Scotland.

Mr. Robb and Dr. Ferrier reported progress as to raising contributions for the College, and the Presbytery enjoined that due attention be given to

this object as soon as possible, according to the injunction of Synod.

It was afterwards moved, in addition, by Mr. Robb, and agreed to, that the Presbytery, considering the importance of completing the subscription for the College within the bounds with as little delay as possible, in order to maintain the efficiency of that important institution, agreed to appoint deputies, viz: Mr. Bayne and Mr. Smellie for the northern, Mr. Robb and Dr. Ferrier for the middle and eastern, and Mr. McKenzie and Mr. McKinnon for the western divisions of the Presbytery of Hamilton, to visit the congregations and preaching stations, to bring the subject before them, to see the work commenced, to report progress in the *Missionary Record* for March, and order that complete returns be reported in the *Record* in April.

It was moved and agreed to that Mr. Bayne and Mr. Smellie be appointed to prepare a series of resolutions in regard to King's College, Toronto, to be submitted to next ordinary meeting, as the ground of a petition to the Legislature on the subject of that institution.

On Thursday, the 13th, the trial discourse of Mr. Lachlan McPherson, student, was heard; he was also examined minutely on the subject of Theology. The Presbytery were much satisfied with the appearance which he made, and agreed in so far to sustain his trials.

The following arrangements for missionaries were made, viz:

1st. For Mr. Sutherland—23rd January, Woodstock; 30th, London and Lobo; 6th February, Williams; 13th, Aldborough.

2nd. For Mr. McColl—16th, 23rd, and 30th Jan., Niagara; 6th and 13th February, Dunnville and Wellandport; and in the event of the settlement of these missionaries at Eckfrid and Chatham, they are required to give as much supply as possible to the western stations till other missionaries can be provided.

3rd. For Rev. Robert Wallace—30th January, Woodstock and Ingersol; 6th February, St. Andrews and Nisouri; 13th, London and Lobo; 20th, Williams; 27th and 5th March, Woodstock and Ingersol; 12th, St. Andrews; 19th, London and Lobo; 26th, Williams; 2nd and 9th April, Woodstock and Ingersol; 16th, St. Andrews; 23rd, London and Lobo; 30th, Williams; 7th and 14th May, Woodstock, &c.

4th. For Mr. McPherson, Catechist—February 13th, 20th, and 22nd, at the Owen Sound settlements.

The Presbytery appointed the Session Records of the respective congregations, to be presented for examination at next ordinary meeting.

Next ordinary meeting to be held at Hamilton, and within Knox's Church there, the second Wednesday of May next, at 11 A.M.

M. Y. STARK, Presbytery Clerk.

The Presbytery of Toronto, before closing, on Thursday last, took up the subject of collections for the College, and the following arrangements were agreed to, viz: that

Mr. Harris visit King, Vaughan, West Gwillimbury, and Markham.

Mr. Bayl, Oro, Medonte, Orillia, Marsh, Thorah, Eldon, Maniowa, Brock, and Georgina.

Mr. Rintoul, Humber, Weston, Streetsville, York Mills, and Scarborough.

Mr. Gray and Mr. McMillan, Esquewaug, Nassagaweya, Chinguacousy, Caledon, Erin, Mono, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Rintoul, and Mr. Elder, the city of Toronto.

Mr. Esson, Oakville and Trafalgar.

Returns to be made at the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, to be held on the first Wednesday in March.

We cherish the hope that our people in the various congregations and mission stations will make arrangements for receiving the visitors on behalf of the College, and responding to the call made upon them in a manner befitting a work so solemn and important. The liberal support of the College is essential to the extension and success of our Church in this land; and every individual has a duty to perform in regard to it.

## THE ECCLESIASTICAL &amp; MISSIONARY RECORD.

TO THE OFFICE-BEARERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA.

The publisher of the Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record would respectfully bring under your notice the state of that periodical. It has now attained its fourth year, and has been known to the acknowledged organ of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. It has never been so upheld as to make it profitable in a pecuniary point of view,—quite the reverse. At the commencement of the present volume its size was doubled; and, with the view of keeping on a par with the cheap secular reading of the day, an addition of only 40 per cent. was made to the price. Each of the three first volumes contained 96 pages, at 2s. 6d. per volume. The present volume will contain 192 pages, at 4s., if paid during the first quarter.

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Every reader of the Record has the power of exerting more or less influence to extend the circulation, and otherwise promote its interests, by recommending it to his neighbours, and pointing out the duty of supporting it as a religious journal.

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