

on behalf of probationers or mission stations, but hopes that on account of its determination to send up to the Fund a collection from all its congregations, the Home Mission Committee will all the more readily pay the sums it has indicated its disposition to pay to *weak congregations*.

Intimation was made by Mr. Burton that the people of Westport and Newburg desired the services of a student during summer, and pledged themselves, with the assistance of the H. M. C., to maintain him. It was resolved that application in their behalf should be made accordingly.

Kemptville sent in its request for six months' services of some one probationer. The Presbytery resolved accordingly, provided the Clerk should ascertain that Kemptville would wholly support him.

The committee for the collecting of arrears of salary due by that congregation gave in its report, and was discharged.

A paper was laid on the table by Mr. Burton, showing the readiness of the Fairfield congregation to raise \$91 for the half year's service of a probationer.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—The ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 13th of March. Nineteen ministers and ten elders were present—Rev. W. S. Ball, moderator.

The call from the congregation of Elmira, Illinois, U. S., to the Rev. L. Cameron of Acton, was considered. The Rev. W. R. Sutherland appeared for the Presbytery of London, Mr. William Ciark for the Elmira congregation, and Messrs. D. Kennedy, Archibald Campbell, and Archibald McNabb, for the Kirk-Session, and congregation of Acton. After hearing parties, the Presbytery unanimously decided against Mr. Cameron's translation.

Mr. George Hunter, Elder, appeared and presented a petition from the Arthur and Kenilworth mission, praying that the Rev. A. T. Holmes, might be appointed to that field of labour, and promising to contribute \$200 towards his salary, an increase of \$50 on their contribution for the past year. The Presbytery unanimously agreed to forward the petition to the Synod's Home Mission Committee, with a recommendation that its prayer be granted.

Mr. Millican reported in relation to the formation of a congregation in Luther. The Presbytery, after hearing a statement from Mr. Alexander Warren, who has laboured as a catechist in that township for the last fifteen months, unanimously agreed to apply to the Home Mission Committee for an additional labourer.

The reports of the deputations appointed to hold missionary meetings were received, and were regarded as being on the whole of an encouraging character.

Messrs. Barrie and Millican were instructed to organize a congregation at Price's Corners, in Garafraxa.

Mr. McMechan tabled his resignation of the pastoral charge of the Berlin Congregation. The Presbytery after hearing Mr. McMechan's statement, indicating his persuasion, after an experience of six years, that there is no prospect that his small congregation, planted as it is in the midst of a German population, can acquire such strength as to be able to continue to meet its obligations to him, agreed that the congregation be cited to appear at next ordinary meeting.

The Presbytery unanimously agreed to nominate Mr. Smellie as moderator of Synod, at its meeting next June.

Mr. Torrance read a second paper on Renan's Life of Jesus, and received the cordial thanks of the Presbytery, for his elaborate and able review of that work. The presbytery at the same time expressing their hope that Mr. Torrance may be induced to have his review put in a permanent form, and their readiness to co-operate with him for that purpose.

ONTARIO PRESBYTERY.—This Presbytery met at Columbus, on the thirteenth day of March, Rev. J. Baird, M. A., moderator.