

mediate special meeting at Stratford-on-Avon, were read and approved of. It appeared that the latter of these meetings had been held for the ordination of Mr. Daniel Allan, probationer of the Church of Scotland, and missionary from the Glasgow Colonial Society to the pastoral charge of the united congregations of Stratford and Woodstock. Mr. Allan's ordination took place on the 21st ult. The field of pastoral labour on which he has entered is extensive and arduous, but the indefatigable activity and devoted zeal which have characterized Mr. Allan during two years of missionary toil, furnish an ample pledge that no portion of it will be left uncultivated.

A call was laid on the Presbytery's table, from the congregation of St. Thomas and its vicinity, in favour of the Rev. William McKillican, minister of West Gwillimbury, in the Presbytery of Toronto. This call, with the documents accompanying it was sustained, and a committee of Presbytery appointed to lay before the Presbytery of Toronto, reasons for Mr. McKillican's translation to St. Thomas, and endeavour to obtain their concurrence therein. It is expected that Mr. McKillican's induction to the pastoral charge at St. Thomas will take place in the latter end of February.

The committee appointed at last ordinary meeting, for the ordination of elders in the township of Puslinch, and the organizing of the congregation there, reported that the duties devolved on them by the Presbytery had been accomplished, a session having been formed, and a roll of communicants made up, and that the people had made an application in Scotland for a minister. The Presbytery approved of the diligence of this committee, and at the earnest request of the congregation of Puslinch, made arrangements for dispensing the sacrament of the Lord's Supper there on the second Sabbath of February, Mr. Smith, Mr. Gale, and Mr. Ferguson, were appointed to officiate on this interesting occasion, it being necessary to conduct the services both in English and Gaelic.

The Presbytery renewed their appointments in regard to the visitation of the destitute places within their bounds—assigning St. Catharines, Dunnville, &c., in the Niagara District, to Messrs. Macgill and McIntosh; Saltfleet, Binbrook, and the adjacent settlements on the Grand River, to Messrs. Stark and Gale; Woolwich, Paris, and Brantford, to Messrs. Bayne, and Gardiner; London, Lobo, Williams, Eckfrid, Mosa, to Messrs. McKenzie and Allan; and the settlements in the Western district, to Mr. Cheyne, with an injunction to report their diligence in behalf of these places respectively, at next ordinary meeting. Mr. Macgill was appointed to write to the convener of the General Assembly's colonial committee, to the Glasgow colonial society, and its branches, and to the Synod of Ross, representing the extensive destitution of the means of grace among Presbyterians within the bounds of this Presbytery, and the urgent necessity of a supply of missionary labourers.

The Presbytery had read the several portions of the minutes of Synod which require the action of Presbyteries, and in accordance with the Synod's instructions took order respecting the following matters—viz. the preparation of historical accounts of the several congregations within their bounds; the legislative enactments of Synod; mileage; observance of the Sabbath; on which last subject, the Presbytery appointed the several ministers to address their congregations on the first Sabbath of April next, and in conjunction with their sessions to report at next ordinary meeting as to the prevailing forms of Sabbath desecration in their neighbourhoods respectively, and as to the means which they may consider most effectual for checking this great and growing evil, and for promoting a better observance of the Lord's day.

A committee was appointed with instructions to draw up a memorial to be presented to the commission of Synod at their first stated meeting, respectfully urging them to enquire as to what prospect there may now exist of an equitable adjustment on the part of the civil government, of those questions which involve the ecclesiastical status and rights of the Presbyterian Church in this colony, and to exercise the strictest vigilance as to any measures that may be introduced on this subject into Parliament during the ensuing session thereof.

According to appointment at a former meeting, an interesting report on common schools was given in by Mr. Stark. This document occasioned considerable discussion, and it was eventually referred to a committee for revision, with instructions to submit it, if they see meet, to any member of the legislature who may be disposed to take an interest in the matter.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery, is appointed to be held at Hamilton, on the second Wednesday of April, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

SCOTCH CHURCH IN COLOMBO, CEYLON.—A petition is preparing at Colombo, to the General Assembly's committee on colonial churches, for the endowment of a Scotch church there, and for one or more ministers of the established church of Scotland; also, an application is made to the Secretary of State for the colonies, to recommend to the Lords of the Treasury, the grant of a permanent support for one or more ministers of the church of Scotland in Ceylon, and of a sum for the erection of a place of worship for their use. The Governor has expressed his approval of the project, and promised his warmest support and recommendation of the petition to the home government. May the Lord bless the movement.—*Halifax Guardian*.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES.—Sixty-four Presbyteries have adhered to the Old Assembly, and Twenty have adhered to the Secession; leaving a majority of Forty-four Presbyteries in favor of orthodox Presbyterianism. Of the *twenty-three* remaining Presbyteries, some have by vote refused to