

place, to give publicity to the notice; and that sermons of a missionary character be preached on Sabbath, the 17th.

Collections and subscriptions may be devoted to the Presbytery's Home Mission alone, or to other missionary objects of our Church, as the office-bearers in each place may determine.

It is hoped that, by prayer and pains, these meetings may tend to expand the views of our people respecting the wants and woes of the world—to impress them more deeply with the extent and obligation of the great commission, and by fostering a missionary spirit, to prove truly a means of grace.

ROBERT F. BURNS,
Convener of Com. on Miss. Meetings.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton met at Hamilton, on the 8th and 9th ult. The attendance of ministers and elders was tolerably good, but probably less numerous than it would have been, had the weather been less severe. The business was chiefly of a missionary character, and the supplies were satisfactorily arranged, notwithstanding the heavy call upon the Presbytery, from the protracted absence of Dr. Bayne of Galt. Several congregations are looking forward to giving calls to ministers—such as Doon Mills, and New Hope, Elora, Berlin, Woolwich, &c. A station at Port Dalhousie has been put under the care of Mr. Burns of St. Catharines; another at Seneca has been added to the charge of Mr. Cheyne of Saltfleet and Binbrook, and two or three new stations in Garafraxa and the Owen Sound District, are requesting a supply of preaching.

Missionary meetings were appointed to be held throughout the bounds of the Presbytery, during the month of February.

A report highly favourable of the commencement of the Colportage Scheme, was read by Mr. Inglis, and steps will be taken to prosecute it with vigour. The application of the Rev. John Irvine, late of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of the States, whose documents were sustained at last ordinary meeting, to be received as a minister of this Church, was taken up; and after conference, and hearing him preach, it was resolved to apply to the Synod for leave to receive him, and the Clerk was instructed to write the circular letters.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held at Hamilton, and within Knox's Church there, the second Tuesday of April, at one o'clock, P. M.

M. Y. STARR, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The Presbytery of London met on the 8th of January, and continued in Session two whole days. The following is a statement of the principal parts of the business transacted by it:—

The minutes of the special meeting held for the ordination of the Rev. James Ferguson, over the united congregation of Lobo and Caradoc, were read and sustained.

Notice was received from the Rev. Peter Currie, of his declining the call from Bruce, and also that from the united congregation of Wawanosh and Kinloss.

Reports of missionary labours were read from the Rev. Daniel Clark, the Rev. John Gauld, and Mr. William Forrest; and also verbal statements heard of the fulfilment of appointments given to members of Presbytery at last ordinary meeting.

A petition from the congregation of Bear Creek, and another from the congregation of Mitchell, were presented, each requesting the moderation of a call in favour of the Rev. John Gauld, probationer, on which the Rev. David Walker was appointed to moderate in a call at

Bear Creek, on the 22nd ult., and the Rev. John Ross to moderate in a call at Mitchell on the same day.

A petition was received from the congregation St. Thomas, noticing happy results from the Rev. Archibald Crawford's services there, and requesting that these services might be continued for six months. The Presbytery were not able to grant this petition, as Mr. Crawford had been, by the Synod's Home Mission Committee, assigned to the Presbytery of Montreal, after the end of January, but instructed the Clerk to correspond with the Convener of the Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Montreal, asking permission to retain Mr. Crawford in the Presbytery of London for a longer term, in order that the request of the St. Thomas congregation might, to a certain extent, be met.

A petition was also read from the Free Church Presbyterians at the Village of Clinton, requesting a supply of preaching, and asking assistance in the erection of a Church, on which they had already expended £300, contributed by themselves, and for the completion of which, about £300 more would be requisite. The Presbytery agreed to receive Clinton as one of their mission stations, and, in the meantime, appointed the Rev. Mr. Ross to preach there one Sabbath evening in the month, as far as circumstances will allow. The Presbytery also agreed to record their high satisfaction at the laudable efforts made by the friends at Clinton, to obtain a place of worship for themselves, and to recommend their case to the liberality of the neighboring congregations.

A deputation from the congregation of Ingersoll appeared before the court, and presented a petition, in which was renewed the application for a separation between that congregation and the one at Beachville, on the ground that the entire services of the pastor were necessary to the prosperity of the former part of the charge. The Presbytery appointed a special meeting to be held at Beachville, on Tuesday, the 5th of February, at eleven o'clock, A. M., for the consideration and decision of this matter.

The importance of having a proper Model Trust Deed of Church property, for the use of the congregations and mission stations within the bounds of the Presbytery, having been brought before the notice of the court, a committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. King, McLaren, and McColl, to prepare the draft of a deed, to be laid before the Presbytery at the next ordinary meeting.

The subject of the College Building Fund having been taken up, the Presbytery appointed the Rev. John Ross and the Rev. William McLaren, as a deputation, to visit the congregations and mission stations, for the purpose of raising subscriptions to meet the price of the Building lately purchased in Toronto, and now occupied as Knox's College. The Convener of the Mission Committee was directed to provide supply for the pulpit of these brethren during their absence on this business.

The work of mission supply having been taken up, petitions were read, depositions heard, and applications through individual members received from various congregations and stations. A petition from the settlers in Grey and Morris, signed by 150 persons, represented the great destitution of the means of grace in these townships, stated that an acre of land had been purchased for a church site, and the building about to be erected, and that in a short time the support of a settled minister could be raised, and urgently requested, in the meantime, a supply of missionary service. Another petition, from the township of Carriek, stated that the Presbyterians there had long and anxiously looked for the visit of a missionary, but had hitherto been disappointed; that there had been a village lately laid off in the township, in which the proprietor had granted two acres for a church site, to the Pres-

byterian Church of Canada, and that there were forty families in the neighborhood, of decided adherents to the said Church. Mr. Stephens, from Port Burwell, pleaded the interests of the congregation there, and Messrs. McLennan and Junor pressed the claims of St. Mary's.

Upwards of thirty vacant congregations and stations were found to be depending on the Presbytery for a supply of gospel instruction and Divine ordinances.

The following appointments were then given to the missionaries at the Presbytery's disposal: The Rev. A. Crawford was appointed to St. Thomas, during the time he remains within the bounds of the Presbytery.

The Rev. W. Troup, to Bosanquet, till the end of January, and thereafter to Plympton, till the time of his leaving the Presbytery.

The Rev. J. Gauld, to Port Burwell for six weeks, and thereafter to St. Mary's.

Mr. Milloy to Wawanosh, for two months, and thereafter to Bruce.

The following appointments were also given to members of Presbytery:—

To Fingal, Mr. Bethune was appointed to give the third Sabbath of February; Mr. McKenzie the last Sabbath of April, and Mr. Doak, any two Sabbaths most convenient to himself before next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

Wallacetown—Mr. Bethune to give the last Sabbath of January, and Mr. McMillan the last Sabbath of February.

East Dunwich—Mr. Ferguson to give the first Sabbath of February; Mr. Lachlan McPherson the third Sabbath of February, and Mr. Sutherland the second Sabbath of April.

Wardsville—Mr. McDiarmid, the third Sabbath of February, and Mr. Ferguson the second Sabbath of April.

Komoka—Mr. Ferguson to give one Sabbath evening in the month till next meeting of Presbytery.

St. Mary's—Mr. Graham to give the third Sabbath of February, and Mr. Allan the last Sabbath of February.

Mitchell—Mr. Ross to give the third Sabbath of February.

Mornington—Messrs. T. McPherson and Allan to visit that station in the last week of January, and Mr. Tolmie to give a Sabbath—the day to be fixed by himself.

Grey and Morris—Mr. Lachlan McPherson to give the last Sabbath of February, and the first Sabbath of March.

Wallaceburgh—Mr. King to give the second Sabbath of February.

Mersca—Mr. King to give any Sabbath most convenient to himself, before next meeting of Presbytery.

Ridgeton—Mr. McColl to give the first Sabbath of April.

Port Burwell—Mr. Wallace to give the second Sabbath of March, and Mr. Ball the last Sabbath of March.

Quarterly statistical returns were given in and read from all the congregations of the Presbytery, with the exception of Amhersburgh and Saugeen.

The Rev. Thomas McPherson was added to the Committee on Statistics, appointed Convener of it, and entrusted with the management of the Quarterly Returns.

The Presbytery agreed to hold, as usual, the Annual Missionary Meetings. In order to the accomplishment of this, the Presbytery was divided into four sections—the members of each section to make their own arrangements, and give notice of them to the congregations and mission stations within their district.

The attention of the Presbytery having been called to the very heavy expenses incurred by students in attending College, from the high charges of board and lodging, a supplement of £5 was appointed to be made to the salaries of