

PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.—This Presbytery held their ordinary quarterly meeting at Durham, on the 7th March.

The Presbytery having resolved at their former meeting to visit all the congregations and stations within the bounds, the conveners of the deputation to whom this work was assigned reported their fulfilment of it. The reports given in included, among other things, answers from such congregations and stations to a series of questions submitted to them—questions bearing on both their financial and spiritual condition, and general working; and the Presbytery were of opinion that, with the blessing of God, good might be expected to result from their visitation of the congregations.

The Presbytery having also resolved at their former meeting that each minister should give a Sabbath day's services to one of the stations, the ministers reported their fulfilment of these appointments.

Mr. McMillan reported that he had moderated in a call in Carrick congregation, at Mackintosh's Station, on February 8th, and laid on the table a call unanimously signed in favour of Mr. John Straith, minister of the Gospel, late at Ingersoll, together with an accompanying document in which the congregation promised a stipend of \$750 a year, with manse, which was sustained.

A petition was presented from Mount Forest branch of Mount Forest congregation, praying for separation from Arthur branch of it, in support of which Mr. W. W. Winfield, commissioner from Mount Forest, was heard. It was agreed that the petition lie on the table till next meeting, which was appointed to be held at Durham on April the 18th, and the Clerk was instructed to cite parties then and there to appear for their interests in the matter.

A report was given in by Mr. McMillan on Home Mission affairs, the details of which, relating to the supply of the Home Mission field during the summer, were considered by the Presbytery.

Mr. John Scott, minister of the Gospel at London, was nominated as Moderator of next General Assembly.

WM. PARK, *Pres. Clerk.*

Communications.

LETTER FROM REV. O. CHINIQUY.

ST. ANNE, KANKAKEE CO., ILLINOIS, 6th April, 1871.

Rev. Mr. Jennings, D.D., Convener of the Kankakee Mission Committee.

MY DEAR MR. JENNINGS,—Though you have not yet found fit to give me the benefit of your moral influence to save me and my people from the terrible difficulties by which the incendiary hand of Rome has surrounded us, I suppose that you are not entirely indifferent to the interests of my mission.*

The last day of March our humble chapel and Saviour's College buildings were finished, and we have dedicated them to the service of the Master in the midst of an immense concourse of people. No minister of this place consented to come and help us to bless the Lord on that solemn occasion, though politely invited. The Rev. Mr. Beecher, of Kankakee, the nephew of H. W. Beecher, of New York, was with us, and addressed the people with me. The Rev. Mr. Bernard, the Presbyterian minister of

* Dr. Jennings has been by no means indifferent to the French Church at St. Anne, for, more than once, a notice, at his request, has been inserted showing the practical sympathy of the Church, but he did not feel authorized officially to ask collections for church-building purposes. Aid is needed, but it is expected to be given on Mr. Chiniquy's own appeal, as in the case of other ministers similarly situated.