

ness transacted the following are the most important items. In the view of Mr. Duff's proceeding to British Columbia as a missionary, on the appointment of the Foreign Mission Committee, the Presbytery prescribed to Mr. Duff subjects for trial discourses. A call from Florence and Bothwell, in Mr. Duff's favour was laid before the Presbytery, but, in consequence of Mr. Duff's acceptance of the appointment to British Columbia, it was not prosecuted further.

Calls in favour of Rev. P. Woodfellow, from Tilbury and from Mitchell, were laid before the Presbytery. All parties were cited to appear at next meeting.

Mr. Proudfoot was appointed to moderate in a call in the congregation of Delaware.

Students, within the bounds, were examined, and were certified for their several classes.

The Rev. W. Bennett laid on the table a letter demitting his charge of the congregation at Windsor. The name of Rev. W. Troup, lately inducted as pastor of the congregation at Napier, was added to the roll.

The Presbytery bounds were divided into five sections, for the purpose of holding Missionary Meetings. These are.—1st. Kent and Essex, Rev. W. King, convener; 2nd. Lambton, Rev. D. Walker, convener, 3rd. Wardsville, E. Aldboro, Mosa, Ekfrid, Napier, Chalmers' Church, Strathroy, and Adelaide, Rev. W. R. Sutherland, convener; 4th. W. Aldboro', Wallacestown, Duff's Church, Fingal, St. Thomas, Belmont and Yarmouth, Rev. J. McMillan, convener, Zorra, Thamesford, N. Dorchester, Winchester, London, English Settlement, Proof Line, Lobo, Delaware, Carlisle, W. Scott, convener.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

This Presbytery met on the 4th ult. We can only note some of the more important items of business. The minutes of a former meeting, with reference to Rev. D. Anderson, was reserved for reconsideration on the grounds that he had petitioned for restoration to the ministry of the Church. The matter having been reconsidered, and Mr. Anderson having been heard, and having expressed regret and sorrow for the error into which he had been betrayed in seeking connection with the Episcopal Church, and having been admonished by the moderator, and having again assented to the formula of the Church, it was agreed again to receive and acknowledge him as a minister of the Church.

A Committee was appointed to correspond with congregations that are in arrears for stipend, and to report at next meeting.

The following overture was submitted by Mr. Femp, and was ordered to lie on the table till next meeting:

"Whereas many congregations of this Church conduct their financial affairs by means of Deacons' Courts variously constituted, and whereas no specific rules have yet been enacted by the Synod for constituting such courts, or regulating their procedure, Be it therefore resolved, by and with the consent of Presbyteries:—

"1st. That any congregation having a Deacons' Court, and at any time deeming it necessary to alter or amend the constitution of such Court, or the method in general of managing their temporalities, shall first, before any such alteration or change be made, refer the whole matter for the consideration and advice of their Presbytery, and such Presbytery shall take order, while not interfering with existing conditions of trust, or with the just control of the congregation over their temporal affairs, that yet all things in the premises shall be done with a due regard to the peace and welfare of the congregation, and be in accordance with the laws and principles of this Church.

"2nd. That it shall at any time be lawful for any congregation having a Deacons' Court, to determine, if they see cause, and without reference to their Presbytery, by a majority of votes of those present at a meeting called for this special purpose on two Sabbath days previously from the pulpit, by order of the Church Sessions; or by any other way of voting now in use in any congregation, that a proportion of the Deacons shall retire from office annually, or after any longer term that may be agreed upon. such retiring deacons to be, nevertheless, eligible for re-election, and if re-elected shall resume office without any formal induction.