

John Fraser moved that the Presbytery do not translate. Mr. Smith seconded and the motion carried. The Presbytery further resolved to express satisfaction at the decision arrived at by Dr. Lamont, in deciding to continue in his present charge and to express sympathy with the congregation of Florence and Dawn in their disappointment. The moderator and Rev. F. A. McLennan were appointed to examine a writer exercise by Mr. Neil Campbell, student, and report to next meeting. The matter of Presbyterial visitation was left over until next meeting, and the clerk was instructed to put this as the first item of business on the docket. Reports from the several conveners of missionary groups were ordered to be given in at next meeting. The Presbytery expressed its gratification at the announcement made by Mr. McGillivray that sufficient funds had been collected by the Sabbath schools within the bounds to build a church in Formosa and aid in supporting a native pastor. It was agreed to pay Assembly delegates at the rate of four cents per mile from nearest stations. The Presbytery appointed the 9th day of January for the induction of Rev. A. Cameron, at Summerstown, the moderator to preside, Mr. McArthur to preach, Mr. Burnet to address the minister, and Mr. Calder the people. The Presbytery accordingly adjourned to meet at Summerstown on the 9th of January and appointed its next ordinary meeting at Alexandria on the 11th day of March at eleven o'clock a.m.—HUGH LAMONT, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—This Presbytery met on the 8th inst. Mr. Thomas Cummin, moderator. The Rev. Dr. Reid and Mr. Jas. Brown, from the Presbytery of Toronto being present, were invited to sit and deliberate at this meeting. Mr. R. H. Warden, as deputy from the Home Mission Committee, addressed the Presbytery at length on the Scheme for Augmentation of Salaries, adopted by the General Assembly in June last. It was moved by Mr. J. S. Black, seconded by Mr. R. Campbell, and agreed, that the thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to Mr. Warden for his very able presentation of this important matter, and that the Presbytery pledge itself to do all in its power to make the scheme a success. Mr. A. B. Mackay, convener, presented the report, of the Presbytery's Committee on Augmentation of Salaries. The report was received, its recommendations adopted, and the thanks of the Presbytery tendered to those members who have laboured so successfully in this important work. The call from Charles Street Church, Toronto, to Mr. Cruikshank, of St. Matthew's Church, Montreal, was considered. Parties having been heard, the call was put into Mr. Cruikshank's hands. He intimated that after, prayerful consideration he felt it his duty to remain in his present charge. It was then resolved, That the Presbytery, taking all the circumstances into account, and especially the declaration of his mind by Mr. Cruikshank, decline to translate him to Charles Street Church, Toronto. Mr. R. Campbell, convener, submitted a report of the Presbytery's City Mission Committee for the past quarter, giving details of the work done and containing extracts from the journal kept by the missionary. The report recommended that, if possible, at least \$200 per annum be added to the missionary's salary, and that, in the event of an appointment being made of a Protestant chaplain for the Longue Pointe Asylum by the Government, steps be taken to see that the interests of the Presbytery are not overlooked in such an appointment. Appended to the report was statement of the finances at the present date. The missionary addressed the Presbytery in regard to different aspects of the work, when, on motion made, the report was received and its recommendations adopted. Reports of missionary deputations were given in by Messrs. Daniel Paterson, J. A. F. McBain, R. Campbell, and R. H. Warden, which were received by the Presbytery. Mr. Nichols reported that \$1,500 of the debt resting on St. Mark's Church had been cleared off during the past year. Mr. McCaul reported that \$13,000 had recently been removed from the Stanley Street Church debt. Mr. D. Paterson presented a report of a deputation appointed to visit Avoca, Maskilonge, Brown's School House, and Campbell's School House, with a view of uniting these stations into one pastoral charge. The people promise \$310 per annum towards salary. The report was received. Mr. R. H. Warden, convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, reported that regular supply had been given during the quarter to all vacancies and mission fields, that the sums asked

from the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee had been granted, and that Avoca and Ogdensburg had been supplied on alternate Sabbaths by an ordained missionary. He stated that a petition had been received from Ogdensburg and Brown and Campbell's districts for the services of Rev. R. Hamilton, offering \$150 per annum towards salary. The report was received. On motion of Mr. R. H. Warden, seconded by Mr. A. B. Mackay, it was resolved hereafter to print the minutes for the use of the members of Presbytery. Mr. Jas. Patterson reported that, owing to the storm on Thursday, the 3rd January, the moderation in a call at Coté des Neiges did not take place. Mr. A. B. Mackay was instructed to moderate there on Thursday, the 18th inst., at seven p.m. Mr. W. Forlong obtained leave of absence till next ordinary meeting, owing to ill health. He nominated Mr. R. H. Warden, as moderator of session during his absence. The Presbytery expressed sympathy with Mr. Forlong in his affliction. Mr. J. Watson, moderator of session *pro tem.*, obtained power to moderate in a call at Elgin and Athelstane, when deemed necessary by the kirk session. Mr. John White McKeown, a minister of the Reformed Church in Ireland, applied to be received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The application was remitted to a committee. Mr. John W. McLeod, on recommendation of the Examining Committee, was certified to the Senate of the Presbyterian College for admission to the Literary department. It was resolved to hold the next ordinary meeting in the David Morrice Hall, on the first Tuesday of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.—JAMES PATTERSON, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery held its regular meeting on the 18th inst., in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia. Mr. McLintock, moderator, occupied the chair. Messrs. Rennie, and McKinnon, from the Presbytery of London, and Mr. Croll, from the Presbytery of Hamilton, being present, were asked to sit with the Presbytery. On motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, it was agreed to hear Mr. Rennie, who came by appointment of the Assembly Home Mission Committee, to address the Presbytery on Augmentation of Stipends. Mr. Rennie gave an address explanatory of the scheme and made a plea for the Presbytery's sympathy and co-operation. On motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Leitch, it was agreed that the Presbytery, having heard Rev. Mr. Rennie, delegate from the Assembly Home Mission Fund Committee, on the Augmentation of Stipend, be it resolved, that the thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to Mr. Rennie, for the valuable information which he has imparted to the Presbytery on the subject; recommend the subject to the favourable consideration and earnest co-operation of the ministers and congregations in the bounds of this Presbytery; request the sub-committee on the Augmentation of Stipends to send a delegate to visit some of the congregations in this Presbytery, and that Messrs. Thompson and Currie, ministers, and Mr. Blaikie, elder, be a committee to make arrangements for the visitation of all the congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery to bring this important matter before them, and report to a special meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on the first Tuesday of February, at three o'clock p.m. The call from the congregation of Jarvis and Walpole, to Mr. John Wells, of East Williams, was accepted. On motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, it was agreed to grant the translation; express the high estimation in which Mr. Wells is held by the court, and its regret at parting with him; that the translation take effect on the 7th day of January, 1884; that Mr. Currie preach at East Williams on the 13th of January, declare the church vacant, and act as interim moderator of session thereafter. Mr. McDonald, interim moderator of the Second Congregation, Petrolia, reported that he had organized the congregation there as instructed by the Presbytery, and submitted a communion roll which was laid on the table and examined. Questions were put and answered, after which, on motion of Mr. Thompson, it was agreed to approve of the conduct of the moderator; receive the names submitted and declare the same to be the communion roll of the Second Congregation, Petrolia. It was moved in amendment by P. C. Goldie, and duly seconded: That the names included in the roll just submitted to the court, claiming to have been at one time members of Knox congregation, Petrolia, be not accepted as members in the congregation being now organized until the Presbytery is satisfied as to their relations

with the congregation which they have left. The motion carried, and the Presbytery declared accordingly. Mr. McDonald, with his session, were appointed interim session of said congregation, and instructed to proceed at their earliest convenience with the election and ordination of elders there. Records of kirk sessions were submitted for examination, and committees appointed to discharge that duty, and report. Mr. Cuthbertson intimated that Mr. Henderson had declined the call addressed to him by the congregation of Parkhill and McGillivray. Leave was granted the congregation to have a call moderated in there if necessary, before next ordinary meeting. Mr. Wells, on behalf of the Committee on Statistics, gave in an excellent report. It was agreed to receive the same; thank the committee, especially the convener, and request Mr. Wells to publish the statistical table for distribution among the congregations and stations of the Presbytery. Mr. McKinnon, from the London Presbytery, appeared in behalf of certain Gaelic-speaking people residing in the township of Brooke, and was heard at length. After discussion it was agreed, on motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, that the Presbytery having heard Mr. McKinnon in regard to certain parties in Brooke, asking sealing ordinances from the London Presbytery, express their belief that from the best of motives the Presbytery of London took certain action in regard to said parties; but at the same time express regret that the Presbytery did not simply refer the petitioners to the Presbytery of Sarnia, under whose jurisdiction the parties reside. The Presbytery, however, express deep interest in the welfare of said parties and direct Mr. Johnston and session to deal with them in the most conciliatory manner and furnish as much Gaelic service as possible for the edification of the Highland element residing within their bounds. An extract minute of the Presbytery of London in regard to their action in reference to certain parties in East Williams seeking connection with that Presbytery was then considered. After a long and patient discussion, it was agreed, on motion of Mr. McAdam, seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson, that whereas this Presbytery believes its rights are encroached upon by the Presbytery of London in taking Presbyterial action in East Williams, which is unquestionably within our bounds and coterminous with one of our congregations; and whereas, great confusion of jurisdiction is likely thereby to ensue, and injury is likely to be done to one of our congregations, this Presbytery resolves to remonstrate with the Presbytery of London and invite them to arrange an adjustment with this Presbytery; empower the committee acting in the matter of boundaries to appear at next meeting of the Presbytery of London in the interests of this Presbytery, and in the event of satisfaction not being granted, resolve to complain to the Synod of Hamilton and London in regard to the action of the Presbytery of London, and to pray the Synod to recognize the rights of the Presbytery of Sarnia in the matter complained of. Leave was granted to the congregation of Burns Church and Moore Line to have a call moderated in there, if necessary, before the next meeting of Presbytery; the required statistics to be furnished at the same time. A petition was laid on the table and read from Messrs. McGibbon and McPherson, in regard to a finding of the session of Adelaide and Arkona. On motion of Mr. Thompson it was agreed to receive the petition. The petitioners were heard, and after discussion, it was agreed to dismiss the first section of the complaint. The second section was considered and also dismissed. A letter was read from Mr. Carswell, former moderator of session, which was received. The third clause was considered and also dismissed. Mr. Wells, on behalf of the session of Adelaide and Arkona, asked leave to transfer the cause in its present phase. It was agreed to grant the request, with instructions that before removing suspension at any time, the session of Strathroy shall give notice to the session of Adelaide and Arkona that unless reasonable grounds be offered the suspension shall be removed. Mr. Goldie asked leave to dissent from the finding of the Presbytery, for reasons to be given in. The request was granted. Messrs. McGibbon and McPherson were allowed to join in the dissent. The Presbytery appointed its next regular meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, on the third Tuesday in March, at two p.m. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on the first Tuesday in February at three o'clock p.m., and was closed with the benediction.—GEO. CUTHBERTSON, *Pres. Clerk*.