

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

This Presbytery held its ordinary Quarterly Meeting, on the 2nd Nov., in the vestry of the Free Church, Coté Street.

Messrs. Duncan Cameron and Robert McArthur, preachers, were received, bearing Commissions from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland. Mr. McArthur was appointed to supply Durham and North Georgetown. Mr. D. Cameron to supply Vankleek Hill.

Mr. Fraser reported, that on an urgent application from the congregations of Lancaster and Dalhousie, he had visited them, and dispensed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, assisted by Rev. Daniel Clarke, and Mr. John Anderson, student. The occasion was described as one of solemn and refreshing character.

The case of the congregation at English River came up for consideration. Parties were heard. And it was finally resolved to accept the demission of Mr. Troup, dissolve the pastoral tie, and declare the Church at English River, vacant.

Mr. Quin, in terms of notice given at last meeting, tendered resignation of his pastoral charge over the congregation at Cornwall. Mr. Elliot appeared for the congregation, and submitted a paper, expressing their assent. It was then resolved to loose Mr. Quin from his pastoral charge at Cornwall, and declare the Church vacant—Mr. Quin to continue for the present Moderator of the Kirk Session. The Rev. Hugh Campbell, probationer, was appointed to supply the pulpit.

The Clerk read a communication from the Clerk of the Free Presbytery of Nairn, Scotland, and laid on the table a call from the Congregation of Ardersier in said Presbytery, to the Rev. Alexander Cameron, Lochiel. Mr. Cameron was heard for himself, and gave the Presbytery an account of his recent visit to Scotland, where he obtained a sum of £200, and a large supply of books, for the benefit of the Congregation at Lochiel. He stated that the call from Ardersier was unsought and unexpected by him—that nothing but the state of his health would lead him to think of leaving the Canadian field, and that he desired simply to follow the guidance of Providence, and the mind of this Presbytery. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and resolved—that the Congregation of Lochiel be summoned to appear, for their interests in this case, at a special meeting, to be held in Montreal, on the 16th inst.

Mr. James McConchy was received as a preacher, and, at the request of Mr. McFarlane, elder, from Leeds, Megantic, Mr. Clark, of Quebec, was appointed to moderate in a call from the Congregation of Leeds, to Mr. McConchy.

Mr. Ewen McLean, probationer, underwent his trials for ordination as a missionary. On a conjunct view of the whole, the Presbytery were highly satisfied, and resolved to proceed the same evening to ordain Mr. McLean in Coté Street Church. The Rev. Daniel Gordon preached from Colossians iii. 1, 4. The Rev. Alexander Cameron presided in the subsequent service—offered the ordination prayer—led the brethren in the imposition of hands, and thereafter addressed Mr. McLean in most appropriate terms.

Applications from Martintown and Henryville, were remitted to the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery.

D. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The Presbytery of Kingston met at Kingston, on the 26th October. The minutes of last meeting having been read and approved, Mr. Burns reported that he had applied for missionaries to the Home Mission Committee, and that Mr. A. J. Macaulay had been allocated to this Presbytery. The Presbytery appointed Mr. Macaulay to preach in Picton, Roslin, and Melrose.

The Presbytery having heard of the arrival of Mr. Pirie, a missionary, designated by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, directed Mr. Burns to write to the Convener of our Synod's Home Mission Committee, requesting that Mr. Pirie be sent to labor for a short time, at least during the winter, within the bounds of this Presbytery.

Mr. Gregg reported that he had attended the meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery—that the call from Brock Street Congregation had been duly presented to Mr. Wilson of Port Dover, who had declared his acceptance of it, and that the Hamilton Presbytery had agreed to release him from his present charge. The induction of Mr. Wilson was appointed to take place on Wednesday, the 9th November; Mr. Rogers to preach and preside; Mr. Gordon to defend the Presbyterian form of Church Government; Mr. Gregg to address the pastor, and Mr. Burns the people.

Mr. Chesnut stated that he was requested, on behalf of the congregations of Roslin and Melrose, to ask the Presbytery to appoint some of its members to moderate in a call to a pastor.—Messrs. Gregg and Burns were appointed a deputation for this purpose.

In compliance with a request from Roslin, Mr. Gregg was appointed to dispense the Communion in that place.

According to appointment, the Presbytery met in Kingston, on the 9th November. The minutes of last meeting having been read and approved, a telegraphic communication from Mr. Wilson was read, stating, that in consequence of the storm, the steamboat from Toronto to Kingston had not called at Cobourg last night, and that he was thus prevented from being forward in time for induction to-day, but that he expected to be here to-morrow morning. The Presbytery therefore agreed to adjourn till to-morrow at ten o'clock, and then to proceed with his induction. In the meantime, they requested Mr. Macaulay, who was present, to preach to the congregation of Brock Street, which had met, and due notice was given to them of the adjournment.

On the following day, Mr. Wilson having arrived, the induction took place—the different parts of the service having been conducted according to the arrangements already specified.

Mr. Gregg reported that he had preached in Roslin and Melrose, and moderated in a call, which was unanimously given to Mr. James Nesbet of Oakville. The call, duly arrested, having been laid upon the table, was sustained, and the Clerk was directed to transmit it to the Toronto Presbytery, and to request Rev. William Reid of Toronto, to act on our behalf in prosecuting the call.

The following missionary meetings were appointed to be held, viz:—

Picton	Monday, 9th Jan'y.
Demorestville	Tuesday, 10th "
Belleville	Wednesday, 11th "
Madoc	Thursday, 12th "
Roslin	Friday, 13th " 11 o'clock, A.M.
Melrose	Friday, 13th " 6 1/2 " P.M.

The next meeting of the Presbytery to be held in Demorestville, on Tuesday, the 10th January, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

It was reported that Mr. Macaulay had fulfilled his appointments. The Presbytery instructed him, in addition to preaching, to visit the families in the different congregations in which he has been appointed to labour.

The Presbytery having learned that it was the wish of the Picton congregation, that steps should be taken towards the settlement of a pastor among them, appointed Messrs. Burns and Rogers to moderate in a call, whensoever they might find it requisite.

The various meetings of Presbytery were closed with prayer.

WILLIAM GREGG, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The Presbytery of Cobourg met in Cobourg, on the 8th November, but owing to the severity of the day, the attendance was small. The business transacted was considerable, principally connected with financial matters, and the missionary operations of the Presbytery.

The Clerk stated that he had written the several Deacons' Courts of the Presbytery, asking their Financial Reports up to the end of October, and that answers had been received from Baltimore, Cartwright and Manvers, Bowmanville and Enniskillen, and Cobourg. These Reports were read, and considered satisfactory.

The congregations which have not already subscribed to the Widows' Fund, are instructed to raise subscriptions, and forward the amount as early as possible.

The subject of Sabbath School instruction engaged the attention of the Court at this as well as at the previous meeting. In order to ascertain as fully as possible the state of Sabbath Schools within their bounds, the Presbytery adopted a series of questions, prepared by Mr. McLeod of Cobourg, and sent them to the various sessions, directing them to have them returned by the next meeting, with the necessary answers.

Mr. Smith reported that Mr. Blain had been appointed to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery of Cobourg, from the beginning of December. The Presbytery agreed that Mr. Blain should be located at Percy, to labor there and at the adjoining stations for the winter.

The congregations of Cobourg, Enniskillen and Bowmanville, Baltimore, Cartwright, and Manvers, reported that they had attended to the collection for the Buxton Mission and Synod Fund. The other congregations have not as yet reported. The day of humiliation appointed by the Synod, was kept by the congregations of Grafton, Colborne, Cobourg, Cold Springs, and Bowmanville. Owing to the absence of several members, the other congregations were not reported.

The minutes of the session of St. Andrew's Church, Cobourg, were examined, and directed to be attested as being correctly kept. The minutes were attested accordingly, and directions were given to the ministers to present the minutes of their respective sessions for examination at the next sitting of the Court.

Thereafter, it was resolved that instant application should be made to the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, for a missionary, to labour within the bounds of the Presbytery for a certain time. The Rev. D. McLeod was instructed to make the application, and forward £20 sterling, to meet his expenses from Scotland, immediately.

Considering that the Presbytery has been without a missionary since the meeting of the Home Mission Committee in October, and that all the stations have been without Sabbath service since that time, the Presbytery resolved to supply the stations as often as possible. Rev. D. McLeod agreed to preach a Sabbath at Trenton and Murray during the present month, and Rev. Mr. McKenzie at Percy and Alawick.

Missionary Meetings were appointed to be held at the following places during the month of February,—the days to be announced in the January Record:—Cobourg, Cold Springs and Baltimore, Grafton and Colborne, Bowmanville and Enniskillen, Cartwright and Manvers.

J. W. SMITH, *Pres. Clerk.*

REV. JAS. BLACK—ORDINATION OVER CONGREGATIONS OF CALEDONIA, &c.

The above stations were under the care of the Rev. Dr. Ferrier, until the unhappy occurrences arose, which separated him from our communion—when a division took place—a portion of the