

The Presbytery having heard Mr. Malcolm Mackenzie's trials, and expressed their satisfaction, appointed his ordination to take place on Wednesday, the 12th day of February—the Moderator to preach and preside, and Dr. Thomson and Mr. Torrance to address the minister and the people respectively. Mr. Snellie having moved that the day of ordination should not be appointed till the arrears due to the former pastors should have been actually paid, dissented from the resolution of the Presbytery and protested for leave to complain to the Synod. The Clerk was instructed to notify the congregation that they are expected to pay the arrears before the day of ordination.

It was agreed to take up, at next ordinary meeting on the last Tuesday of March, the consideration of all matters referred to Presbyteries by the Synod. Session-Records are ordered to be laid on the table at the same meeting.

JAMES MIDDLEMISS, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

This Presbytery met in Knox's Church, Hamilton, on the 14th of January. There were present sixteen ministers and twelve elders.

Mr. Eadie, student, was, at his request, transferred to the Presbytery of Montreal. The Rev. Wm. M. Christie reported that he had moderated in a call at Thorold and Drummondville, which resulted in favour of Rev. Mr. Lees, of Ancaster.

The Presbytery, so far, has taken no action at all on the Rev. A. C. Stewart's application for admission as a minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

The committee appointed at last meeting to visit the Grand River congregations, previously named, reported that they had done so on the 5th, 6th and 7th of November last, and heard fully the minds of those that were present; that the sentiments expressed in the papers presented to Presbytery at its last meeting were firmly adhered to in all substantial points, and that the members of deputation were not so agreed among themselves as to recommend to the Presbytery any special action. After the members of deputation and various other parties present were fully heard, and after the several aspects of the whole case were carefully contemplated by the court, the following motion by Mr. Inglis was carried by a large majority:—

“That the Presbytery having heard the report of the deputation appointed to visit the congregations of Caledonia and other stations, and having heard the several members of the deputation, find that while it is exceedingly desirable to have the Oneida and Indiana congregations formed into a separate Pastoral charge, yet inasmuch as no satisfactory arrangement can be made for the vacant congregation at Caledonia, the Presbytery do not see their way clear to accept Mr. Black's resignation, therefore allow it to lie on the table, and remit to the Home Mission Committee, with instructions to give the vacant congregations supply as heretofore.”

The Presbytery appointed Mr. McLellan its treasurer for Home Mission purposes, and agreed to grant the sum of two dollars per week to aid the Walsingham congregation.

Mr. Burns reported that the Presbyterian congregations in the townships of Pelham and Gainsboro, presently in connection with the American Presbyterian Church, New School, are anxious to be received into connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church, and will receive from the Synod, which at present oversees them, a regular dismission at its next meeting. In the meantime the Rev. Alex. McGlashan, an ordained minister of this church without charge, has for some time been faithfully and successfully labouring in that interesting field.

Mr. Stark, hitherto Convener of the Home Mission Committee, believing that Hamilton would be a more suitable place for the residence of one who had so much correspondence with vacant congregations, and with the Probationers who supply them, resigned, and proposed that Mr. Inglis should take his place, which was unanimously agreed to by Presbytery. All concerned would do well to observe that the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Hamilton, is the proper party with whom they ought to correspond about Home Mission business.

The Presbytery agreed to consider at its next regular meeting in April the matters sent down by Synod, and also enjoined on all sessions in the bounds to bring their Records for examination at same time.

JOHN PORTEOUS, *Presbytery Clerk.*