

The Presbytery having considered the whole circumstances of the case, appointed Messrs. Smith, Stark, Gale, and Fee, a committee to superintend the organizing of the Presbyterian inhabitants of Puslinch and its vicinity as a congregation, and to take all such steps as they may deem proper for promoting their religious interests and the settlement of a minister amongst them. The Presbytery farther appointed said committee to meet at Hamilton, on the first day of November, at 12 o'clock, noon, to take trial of the qualifications of the above named individuals nominated for the eldership, with authority, if they see meet, to proceed to Puslinch for their ordination according to the laws of the church, as also to make up a roll of communicants, and to dispense the sacrament of the Lord's Supper there, and to report their diligence herein at next ordinary meeting.

The Presbytery farther agreed to recommend to the committee of managers at Puslinch, to endeavour without delay, to obtain the co-operation and support of the Presbyterian settlers of Beverly and Nassagaweya, in applying for and supporting a minister, with the assurance that the Presbytery will transmit their united application for a minister to any society or minister in Scotland, connected with this Church, to whom they may agree to entrust the choosing of their minister, and enforce such application by every means in their power.

Mr. McKenzie laid upon the table a call, and bond for stipend, from the united congregations of Woodstock, and Stratford-on-Avon, in favour of Mr. Daniel Allan probationer, and reported that he had moderated at the election of Mr. Allan, according to the appointment of Presbytery, and that the greatest unanimity prevailed among the people in giving the call. The Presbytery found that the call had been proceeded in, in an orderly manner, and concurred in the same, and Mr. Allan having appeared and professed his readiness to undergo the usual trials in order to ordination, the Presbytery prescribed the ordinary pieces of trial, and resolved to meet at Stratford on the 20th of November next, and to proceed to his ordination on the 21st, provided his trials prove satisfactory to them, and no valid objection to his settlement is offered. Mr. Gardiner of Fergus, was appointed to preach and preside at the ordination, Mr. Bayne of Galt, to address the minister, and Messrs. McKenzie and Stark, to address the people in Gaelic and English respectively.

The Presbytery then took up the subject of common school education, which was under consideration at a former meeting, and on which a committee of Presbytery was appointed to collect information and report. Mr. Stark stated on behalf of this committee, that they were not yet prepared to submit a formal report, and that they were desirous before doing so, of obtaining from each member, a written statement of his views on the subject, with such facts and suggestions as each may be enabled to present, illustra-

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tive of the actual working of the present system of common schools, and of the means of its improvement. After some discussion, Mr. Stark's request was agreed to, and the Presbytery enjoined that statements to the above effect, be transmitted to Mr. Stark, by the several members, within two months of this date, in order that a full report may be prepared and laid before the Presbytery at next ordinary meeting.

The Presbytery had under consideration the state of those places within their bounds which are destitute of a settled ministry, and have special claims on the attention of the Presbytery. After deliberation, the Presbytery resolved, that the more speedy establishment of settled pastors, the better observance and improvement of the Lord's day, and the spiritual welfare of the members of the church are likely to be promoted, by organizing congregations in such places, and ordaining suitable persons as ruling elders amongst them, and the Presbytery accordingly appointed Messrs. McKenzie and Allan, to visit St. Thomas, Eckfrid, and Mosa, Williams, London, and Lobo; Messrs. Bayne and Gardiner, to visit Woolwich and Brantford; Messrs. Stark and Gale, to visit Saltfleet, Binbrook, Grimsby, and Caledonia, York and Cayuga, on the Grand River; Messrs. McGill and McIntosh, to visit St. Catharines and Dunnville, with instructions to preach at these places respectively; to ascertain the number of members in full communion, and, if they find it expedient, to superintend the election of suitable persons, whom the Presbytery, after trial, may appoint over them as ruling elders, and to report their diligence in fulfilling these appointments, at next ordinary meeting.

The Presbytery, in compliance with the injunction of Synod, appointed Mr. Gale as corresponding member to the Presbytery of Toronto, and their next ordinary meeting to be held at Hamilton, on the second Wednesday of January, at nine o'clock, A. M.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

An ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held at Hamilton, on Wednesday, the 9th instant. The members present were, the Rev. Mr. Gardiner of Fergus, Moderator, Mr. Macgill of Niagara, Mr. Ross of Aldborough, Mr. Smith of Guelph, Mr. Stark of Ancaster and Dundas, Mr. Gale of Hamilton, Mr. McKenzie of Zorra, Mr. McIntosh of Thorold, and Mr. Ferguson of Esquessing, correspondent from the Presbytery of Toronto, ministers, and Mr. James McIntyre of Hamilton, ruling elder.

The Presbytery having been constituted by prayer, the minutes of last ordinary meeting and of an inter-