

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Home Mission Committee met in Knox's College, on the 12th ult. Rev. Robert Ure, Convener, in the Chair. Present—Rev. Messrs. Scott, Lowrie, J. M. Roger, J. W. Smith, Professor Young, W. Reid, Mr. D. McLellan &c. &c. The meeting was constituted with prayer.

On resolution made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved, that in so much as it has pleased Almighty God to remove the Rev. Alexander Gale Moderator of the Synod, and one of the Convener's of this Committee, the Committee place on record, an expression of their high sense of the value of Mr. Gale's services in various departments of labour, and more especially in connexion with the Home Missionary operations of our Church, with which Mr. Gale's name has been for so many years identified. The Committee look back with many pleasing feelings and associations to their lengthened intercourse with their deceased brother. They remember, with gratitude to God, from whom cometh every good and every perfect gift, his devotedness, his fidelity, and perseverance in the discharge of duty. And they pray that they may have grace to follow his example, and that God, who has sent this new affliction, may sanctify it to all the surviving brethren, stimulating them to gird up the loins of their minds, and to work while it is still called to-day, before the night come when no man can work.

The Committee desire to express their deep and sincere sympathy with the afflicted widow and family of their deceased fellow-labourer, and direct a copy of this minute to be forwarded to them.

The Committee then proceeded to consider the applications of the several Presbyteries for Missionaries and Catechists during the summer. It appeared that thirty-one labourers were required, while the Committee had less than twenty to allocate. After a full consideration of the claims and necessities of the various Presbyteries, the following distribution was made, viz:—

To Presbytery of London, were assigned, Rev. Mr. Nicholson, Messrs. Ferguson, Currie, and Striith.

Hamilton—Messrs. Chambers, Rennie, and McLean.

Toronto—Messrs. Milloy and McRobio.

Cobourg—Rev. W. Blain, Mr. John McMillan.

Kingston—Rev. Messrs. Keddy and Tait.

Brackville—Mr. McMullen.

Perth—Messrs. Forrest and Cuthbertson.

Montreal—Messrs. Anderson, Young, and McKay.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Synod, that the salary of each Catechist should be £30 with board, during the six months.

The Committee spent some time in conference on the subject of the Red River Mission. The Clerk was directed to correspond with Rev. Mr. Black, with the view of obtaining information to guide them in their future proceedings.

The Convener was directed to correspond with the Clerk of the Presbytery of Montreal, with reference to Mr. Brown.

The Committee thereafter adjourned, and the meeting was closed with prayer.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Presbytery met in Toronto on the 12th of April. The following were the principal items of business before the Court:—

A call from Scarborough, in favour of Rev. John Laing, Tutor in Knox's College, was presented to the Presbytery, and sustained. Mr. Laing declared his acceptance of the same, and his trials for ordination were prescribed.

Mr. Gray reported that he had moderated in a call at Thorah and Eldon, in favor of Rev. J. McTavish, late of Ballshulish, in Scotland. A Committee of Presbytery was appointed, with

Presbyterial powers, to conduct Mr. Laing's trials, and to dispose of the call from Thorah and Eldon.

The induction of Rev. R. McKenzie into the pastoral charge of the united congregations of Barrie, Lunenburg, and Essa, is to take place on Tuesday, the 30th of May; and Dr. Burns, Mr. Lowry, and Mr. Gray, are appointed to conduct the services at Innisfil, at noon, and at Barrie in the evening. The edict to be served by Mr. Lowry, on Sabbath, the 14th of May.

Mr. Milloy and Mr. McRobio, students, having been allocated to this Presbytery by the Home Mission Committee, were appointed to labour as missionary catechists, the former at Caledon West and Erin, and the latter at Caledon East and Mono, until the meeting of Synod.

Some financial matters which need not be further noticed, were also disposed of.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The Presbytery of Cobourg met in Keeno on Tuesday, the 7th March. The attendance of ministers was large, and considerable business was transacted, mostly connected with the financial affairs of the various congregations. By the appointment of Presbytery, the Rev. James Douglas preached on the evening previous to the meeting, and though the weather was severe, the congregation was large, and listened attentively to an excellent discourse.

Revs. Messrs. Andrews and McAleese were appointed to preach at the next meeting in Cobourg, the one on Monday evening, and the other on Tuesday. By this arrangement, the Presbytery hope that good may be effected, and that the public generally may be induced to take a more lively interest in their meetings.

The subject of Mr. Roger's resignation of the congregation of North Cavan came before the court. The Presbytery, having heard a deputation from the congregation, and also Mr. Roger's statement that this was rendered necessary from the extent of his field of labour being far more than could possibly be overtaken by one man, agreed to accept of the resignation on the condition that it do not take effect until the month of April.

Thereafter, Mr. McAleese's resignation of the congregation of Warsaw was considered. No deputation appeared, though the congregation had been noticed that they should appear for their interests at this meeting of Presbytery. Mr. McAleese stated that he was constrained to take this step from his being unable properly to attend to Warsaw, from the distance and state of the roads, and his other stations requiring his whole attention. The Presbytery accepted the resignation, and appointed Messrs. Roger, Andrews, and McAleese to visit and confer with the people of Warsaw.

Either by written or verbal reports, the Presbytery ascertained that the congregations, with a very few exceptions, have attended to the collections for the various schemes of the Church, and those which have neglected any of them have agreed to attend to them immediately. The regular yearly reports were presented from the following congregations:—Cobourg, Peterboro', Norwood, Dummer, Grafton, and Colborne. The Presbytery instructed the ministers to present their Session records for examination at the next meeting of the court in Cobourg. The Presbytery expect the records will be all forthcoming at the time appointed. Messrs. McLeod and Smith, Grafton, reported that they had implemented their engagement by holding a missionary meeting at Trenton, and that the attendance was respectable. This was the first missionary meeting in connection with this church ever held at Trenton.

Messrs. Andrews, McAleese, and McKenzie were appointed to hold missionary meetings at Percy and Alnwick as soon as possible.—Mr. Andrews convener.

Mr. Morgan and the Clerk were appointed to prepare a circular, and have it printed and sent to the various congregations and mission stations, to assist them in preparing their annual returns to Presbytery.

The note proposed to be appended to certain portions of the Confession of Faith was accepted, with a slight modification of some of the words employed.

Messrs. McLeod, Roger, and McKenzie, were appointed a committee to obtain the necessary information on the state of religion within the bounds of the Presbytery, and prepare a report, to be presented to the Synod. The Report to give facts, and contain suggestions for the revival of true religion. Mr. McLeod Convener.

INDUCTION AT LEEDS.

On Wednesday, the 15th of March, the Rev. James McConechy was inducted into the church at Leeds, C. E., by a Committee of the Presbytery of Montreal, consisting of Messrs. Clark of Quebec, and Troup, then laboring in Inverness. The deep interest felt by the people in this settlement, was evinced by the large number assembled on the occasion. Though the ground was deeply covered with snow, we observed one man who, with his two sons, had walked a distance of eighteen miles. An able and appropriate sermon was preached by Mr. Troup, from 2 Cor. v. 2)—Now then, &c. Mr. Clark then gave a brief statement of the Presbytery's proceedings, in reference to Mr. McConechy's call, put the usual questions to him, and having formally installed him as minister of the congregation of Leeds, delivered suitable addresses to the newly inducted minister and his flock.

In the evening there was a tea meeting, at which Mr. James Hossack, of Quebec, presided; and if the church was filled in the forenoon, it was not only crammed to overflowing now, but two different parties had to be received successively into the church. After the first party had been abundantly regaled with the good things which the ladies of the congregation had provided, the men retired, and waited patiently among the snow, till the second party were satisfied. The tables having been cleared away, (the church is not yet seated,) sitting or standing room was found for the great body of the people, when animated and interesting addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Armstrong, of the Methodist Church, Troup, Clark, and the newly ordained minister.

Mr. McConechy had laboured for upwards of a year in Leeds, previous to his call. The people, consequently, had ample opportunity of judging of his gifts and suitability for the locality; and the harmonious call which they gave him, is the best evidence of their appreciation of his services, and confidence in his Christian character and devotedness. It is our earnest prayer that their expectations may be fully realised, and that Mr. McConechy may prove a rich blessing to the interesting locality in which he has been appointed to labour.—Com.

BUXTON MISSION.

To the Editor of the Record.

DEAR SIR,—

Among the many objects of Christian philanthropy now existing, there are few possessing more interesting characteristics than the Buxton Mission. During a stay of a considerable time at that place, I had every opportunity of observing the manner in which the Mission is conducted, under the direction of the Rev. William King. The object of this institution is to elevate the colored population of Canada. Among the many means resorted to for this purpose, such as the purchase of a large tract of land by the Elgin Association, which is sold out according to specified regulations, to the colored emigrants,