

THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Home Mission Committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, met, according to appointment, on the evening of Tuesday, the 13th April. A conversation was held on the various subjects which the Committee had to take up, but inasmuch as the attendance was small, as the members from some of the Presbyteries were necessarily absent, it was agreed to adjourn to the following evening, at 7 p. m.

The Committee met in the Divinity Hall, according to adjournment. The members present were the Convener, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Young, Mr. Ure, Mr. Scott, Mr. Lowry, ministers; and Messrs. Davidson and McLellan, elders; together with a considerable number of ministers and elders who were not members.

The Convener called the attention of the Committee to the condition of the Coloured Mission at Buxton, under the care of the Rev. Wm. King, and to the claims which Mr. King has upon the Committee, for salary and arrears of salary, which the Treasurer to the Synod Fund has not the means of meeting—the collections thus far being inadequate to meet the ordinary claims. It was agreed to defer taking action in this matter until the meeting of the Committee at Kingston, in June, and that in the meantime, congregations be urged to come forward to the support of the Mission to which the Church is pledged.

The Convener also brought under the consideration of the Committee, the necessity of providing a permanent teacher for the Mission School. It was agreed that the Convener, Dr. Willis and Mr. Burns, be a Committee to procure a teacher in the mean time, and to take steps to obtain a permanent teacher.

Dr. Burns gave in a verbal report on the Red River Mission. It was agreed that the report be received and approved of, and that the thanks of the Committee to Dr. Burns be recorded, for his diligence in the matter, and the deep interest which he has taken in the Mission.

The Rev. David Greer, who had applied to the Presbytery of Toronto for his credentials, with the view of leaving the bounds of this Church, had his name struck off the list of missionaries at the disposal of the Committee.

The Committee then proceeded to allocate the supply of missionary labourers among the several Presbyteries. The Convener stated that the available supply amounted to 25 missionaries and catechists, and that the following numbers had been applied for, viz: the Presbytery of Montreal, 6; Perth, 3; Brockville, none; Kingston, 3; Cobourg, 3; Toronto, 8; Hamilton, 5; and London, 7: in all, 35.

The Stations named in the applications for supply by the Presbyteries, and the distribution which the Committee agreed to make, was as follows: In the Presbytery of

Montreal...9 Stations...Supply granted..	5½
Perth.....7 “ “ “ “	—
Brockville— “ “ “ “	—
Kingston...4 “ “ “ “	2
Cobourg, “ “ “ “	2
Toronto ...8 “ “ “ “	4½
Hamilton...6 “ “ “ “	3½
London...14 “ “ “ “	5½

The Committee agreed, first of all, to dispose of the Gaelic speaking Missionaries—seven in number—in the following manner, viz: to Montreal, 2; Toronto, 2; Hamilton, 1; London, 2.

The supply was apportioned among the several Presbyteries, as follows, viz: there were assigned to the Presbytery of

Montreal—Mr. McLean, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Scott, till Synod, Mr. Kedey; Mr. Jas. Black, and Mr. D. Wardrope, each three months, and Mr. Murray.

Perth—Mr. George Wardrope; Mr. D. Wardrope, three months.

Kingston—Mr. Chesnut and Mr. Jamieson.

Cobourg—Mr. McAleese and Mr. Tait.

Toronto—Mr. McMillan, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Adams; Mr. McKay, Mr. Black, three months.  
Hamilton—Mr. Ferguson; Mr. McLaren, three months, Mr. George Browne, Mr. Blain  
London—Mr. P. Currie, Mr. Nicolson; Mr. McLennan, 3 months, Mr. Samuel Browne, Mr. Crawford, and Mr. Tolmie.  
Adjourned, to meet at Kingston during the sitting of Synod, in June next.

JOHN BRASS, Secretary.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto, held on the 14th and 15th of April, was attended by nine ministers and two elders. The following is a brief summary of the principal business before the court:—

A call from the second congregation in Toronto, in favor of the Rev. Robert Irvine, minister of St. John's, New Brunswick, numerously signed, and containing a guarantee for stipend, was laid on the table. The Presbytery agreed to sustain the call and requested Dr. Willis, who had moderated in it, to transmit the same to the Presbytery of New Brunswick, to be by them presented to Mr. Irvine.

Messrs. A. Thomson and D. McCutcheon, appeared as commissioners from the congregations in King and Tecumseth, and presented a call in favor of the Rev. James Adams.

As no guarantee accompanied the call, the Presbytery agreed, in the meantime, to receive it favorably, and let it lie on the table till a future meeting, that the parties concerned may have an opportunity of producing such guarantee. Mr. Adams was appointed to supply these congregations meanwhile.

On application by the Gaelic speaking people in Vaughan, through Mr. Campbell and others, for a moderation in a call to the Rev. A. Cameron, of Vankleekhill, the Presbytery appointed Mr. Ure to preach in Vaughan next Sabbath, and thereafter to visit some of the families, in order to ascertain more particularly, the state of feeling between the Gaelic and English speaking people in that congregation, and report to the Presbytery, to meet at Union Church next week.

The Rev. David Greer, being present, applied to the Presbytery for his testimonials, with the view of bringing his connexion with this Presbytery and with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, to a close. After deliberation the Presbytery agreed to Mr. Greer's request, and instructed the Clerk to return the original documents, along with a Presbyterial certificate. A memorial from the Gaelic speaking people in Vaughan was read, expressing their earnest desire to have supply in that range, and petitioning for the services of Mr. Peter Currie, student, during the summer.

Mr. Lowry urged the claims of St. Vincent, Euphrasia, and Collingwood, as a Mission Field, containing about seventy Presbyterian families. He also stated the spiritual destitution of Nottawasaga, Osprey and Sunnidale, containing upwards of two hundred and fifty families in connection with our Church. The claims of this field are all the stronger, on account of Mr. Mair, the lay catechist, being in a very feeble state of health.

Mr. Nisbet reported that he had visited Nassagaweya, according to appointment of Presbytery. The congregation there, exclusive of the section of the Township which lies adjacent to Acton, consists of about sixty-five families, and would in the mean time require to be connected with some other station, to be in a condition to support a minister. The Presbytery agreed to apply to the Synod to have Nassagaweya annexed to the Presbytery of Hamilton.

The Home Mission Committee having allotted to this Presbytery, Mr. Adams, an ordained missionary and the following catechists, viz: Mr. Black, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. McMillan, and Mr.

McKay, the Presbytery allocated them as follows, viz:—

Mr. Adams, to King and Tecumseth as above. Mr. Black, to West Gwillimbury.

Mr. Kennedy, to St. Vincent, Euphrasia and Collingwood.

Mr. McMillan, to Thorah and Eldon.

Mr. McKay, to Nassagaweya, two months, and to Mono thereafter.

It was agreed to instruct the Treasurer to submit, at next meeting, a full statement of the Presbytery's accounts and liabilities, and in order to this, that all missionaries and catechists be requested to give a particular statement of their claims—of their labours, and the sums received at the various stations.

The Rev. Mr. Young and Mr. McLellan from Hamilton, addressed the Presbytery on the propriety and importance of taking Presbyterial action on the Widows' Fund Scheme. The Presbytery having with pleasure heard the brethren from Hamilton, agreed to take up the subject next week.

On motion by Dr. Willis, the Presbytery agreed to bring the clause on the College Charter before their congregations forthwith, in time to be able to come to a decision on it, before the meeting of Synod.

Mr. Jamieson read a lecture on Eph. iii. 14, to the end, which was sustained with approbation, as part of his trials for license.

Adjourned to meet at Union Church, Esquesing, on Wednesday the 21st April.

T. WIGGIMAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

This Presbytery held a *pro re nata* meeting on the 2nd of April, to consider an application from St. John's Church, Quebec, for moderation in a call to the Rev. John Walker, Free Church, Newton Stewart, Scotland.

The application was cordially received, and the Rev. Mr. Fraser of Montreal, was appointed to preach at Quebec, moderate in the call to Mr. Walker, and lay the call on the table of the Presbytery, at the next ordinary meeting, on 5th May.

PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH—BOWMANVILLE.

To the Editor of the Record.

DEAR SIR,—

Perhaps a few hints in reference to the progress of the cause in this locality, may not be uninteresting to some of your readers. Our congregations at Bowmanville and Enniskillen, although not very large, are nevertheless increasing, and, at present, are in a prosperous condition. The split which took place immediately after Mr. Steele resigned his charge as pastor of the congregation, greatly weakened the Free Church cause. A few of the people at both stations left our body, and connected themselves with the United Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Alex. Kennedy, a talented and energetic preacher, was immediately settled amongst them. His congregation is very small. At Enniskillen, on account of no deed having been taken out for the ground on which the church was built, the person who owned the ground being favourable to the Secession Church, gave the house to the few who succeeded.

This left the Free Church party without any place of worship. They, however, in a short time, put up a house much superior to the one they lost. The house, which is a good frame building, has lately been seated, and is now completely finished. We would take this opportunity of acknowledging the kindness of Dr. Burns to this congregation in all their difficulties. Both he and his congregation contributed liberally to the building of the church. In short, in all their struggles, he has been their constant friend. The church at Bowmanville, which is a substantial brick building,