

The Presbytery resolved to memorialize the Governor General to appoint a day of special thanksgiving, both for the abundant harvest, and also in reference to the recent victory gained by the Allies in the Crimea.

A deputation was appointed to attend the meeting of the Temperance Convention on the 25th inst.

The following supplies were fixed till next meeting on the 31st inst., viz:—

Cooke's Church, Toronto, three Sabbaths, holding full supply; Brown's Corners, and Melville Church, Markham, two Sabbaths; Markham Village and Reesor's Corners, full supply; Brock and Reach, full supply by catechist, continued; Boston Church, and Milton, full supply by catechist, Nottawasaga, supply continued; Euphrasia and St. Vincent, full supply; Mono, one Sabbath. Some other items of business were taken up by the Court, but seem not to be of sufficient interest to be particularly noticed.

T. WIGNTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton met at Hamilton on the 9th and 10th ult. The attendance was considerable, both of Ministers and Elders, and a large amount of business was before them.—The following are shortly the principal items.—Documents from the stations at Doon Mills and New Hope were given in, requesting the Presbytery to organize the congregations there, and shewing a subscription list of £150, for the support of a minister, together with a proposal to build a manse—Mr. Smellie, and Mr. S. Young were appointed to organize the congregations on the 24th current. It was also intimated that Robert Ferrie, Esq., had in the most handsome and liberal manner offered to convey to the congregation, the fine brick church there built, (mostly at his own expense) at the cost of upwards £1200, on condition that the debt of about £600 should be paid off at once, promising himself to give £500 towards the object, and also in the event of the congregation building a manse, to give two lots adjoining the church for the erection of it.

The Presbytery appointed a call to be moderated in at Wellington, Square, and Waterdown, on the 24th current, by the Rev. David Inglis.

The Presbytery sustained the documents of the Rev. Thomas G. Hodgkins, of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, (old school) which had been laid on the table at last meeting, and afterwards held conference with him and heard him preach to their entire satisfaction.—The Presbytery instructed their clerk to write the usual circular letters in accordance with the Act of Synod.

The Rev. John Irvine, lately in connection with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of the United States, gave in his dismission from that body, and requested to be received as a minister of this Church. The papers were ordered to lie on the table till next ordinary meeting, according to the Act of Synod.

Mr. Inglis as Convener of Committee, reported in regard to the schemes of Colportage.—Ministers were instructed to bring the claims of this scheme before their congregations, and to take up a collection to meet the expenses incurred, before the 30th November.

The Committee appointed to obtain statistics in regard to the German population within the bounds have not yet met.

Calls from East and West Pustlinch Congregations, in favour of Mr. Alexander McLean, probationer, were before the Presbytery, as also a call in favour of the same individual from Martintown, Glengarry, transmitted by the Presbytery of Montreal. Mr. McLean accepted the call from East Pustlinch. His trials for ordination were appointed. A series of missionary

meetings were arranged to be held in the various congregations and mission stations of the Presbytery, a list of which will be sent to the Record. The Home Mission business was taken up, various appointments were made, and some interesting reports were read, portions of which will be transmitted to the Record for publication.

In reference to an enquiry upon the subject, the Presbytery resolved, that persons desecrating the sabbath by labour, whither on their account or in the employment of other parties, must be deemed the privilege of Church ordinances.

The Clerk was appointed to enquire if a day of thanksgiving for the plentiful harvest, the absence of pestilence, and the success of the allied armies, is to be set apart by Government, and if not, the Presbytery recommend that Wednesday, 19th December, be observed as such by the congregation of this Presbytery.

A memorial was read from Elora, requesting to be received and organised as a regular preaching station, and to be supplied with missionary services, which was agreed to; in so far as it may be in the power of the Presbytery to afford supply.

Next ordinary meeting was appointed to take place on the second Tuesday of January, (8th) 1856.

M. Y. STARK, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Cobourg, on the 2nd of October.

The half-yearly financial reports from the several congregations, were examined. The Presbytery were gratified to find that as a whole, Congregations were becoming more punctual in their payments, and that in several cases they were free from all arrears. But they had to regret there were still a few remiss in this duty, and with them it was agreed to deal so as to get them to act with greater punctuality for the future.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Presbytery of Toronto, intimating that that Presbytery had obtained satisfactory evidence in regard to the good character and standing of the Rev. A. C. Geikie, in the Congregational Church, and that being fully satisfied with the result of the whole of their conference with him in reference to his views of doctrine and church government, and also, in reference to his course of professional study, had agreed to apply for his admission into this Church. The Presbytery agreed to approve of Mr. Geikie's admission, so far as his character and qualifications were known to them.

Mr. Logan stated that he had been deputed by the Congregation of Grafton, to request that Mr. Beattie be allowed to continue with them till the end of this month. The Presbytery agreed to grant the request, and after that period to supply as far as in their power, during the absence of their pastor, Mr. Smith.

Mr. McLeod moved, Mr. McKenzie, seconded, and it was unanimously agreed, that a request be made to the Home Mission Committee, to permit Mr. Beattie to remain for the next six months in the bounds of this Presbytery, that he might labour at Percy, and neighbouring stations.

The Presbytery taking into consideration the goodness of God, in crowning the year with an abundant harvest, and the recent victory he had granted to the armies of the allies in the East, appointed the 18th of this month to be observed as a day of thanksgiving in all the Congregations in their bounds.

Mr. Nathaniel Paterson, Student of Theology, appeared, and was examined on the evidences of Christianity, and the Greek Testament. The Presbytery were highly satisfied with the evidences afforded of his knowledge of the subjects

he was examined upon, and instructed their Clerk to furnish a certificate to that effect. Mr. Paterson since the close of the Session of Knox's College has laboured at Percy and Alnwick, and several members of Presbytery mentioned that they had heard favourable accounts of his labours.

The Presbytery appointed its next meeting to be held in South Cavan Church, on the 1st Tuesday of December, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

JAMES BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of London, was held at London, on the 10th and 11th of October. The following is a brief statement of its proceedings:—

The minutes of the special meeting held at Plympton, were read, recording the dissolution of the pastoral charge between the Rev. William Porterfield, and the Congregation there. At the same time information was given, that Mr. Porterfield had withdrawn from connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and having joined the New School Presbyterian Church in the United States, had accepted of a pastoral charge at Sault St. Mary, in the State of Michigan.

A call regularly moderated in from the United Congregation of Lobo, and Carradoc, in favour of the Rev. James Ferguson, probationer, having been laid on the table, and considered, was sustained. The call having been presented to Mr. Ferguson and accepted by him, subjects for ordination trials were prescribed to him, and for the hearing of said trials—and in case of these being sustained—for the ordination of Mr. Ferguson, a special meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at London, on Tuesday, the 20th November, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and at Lobo, on the following day, at 11 o'clock, A. M. The Rev. Neil Bethune was appointed to preach and preside at the ordination, the Rev. Duncan McDiarmid to address the minister, and the Rev. Lachlan McPherson to address the people.

Another call moderated in from the United Congregation in the south of Bruce, and north of Kincardine, in favour of the Rev. Peter Currie, probationer, having been laid on the table, was sustained, and the Clerk instructed to transmit the same to the Presbytery of Montreal, in order that it may be placed in the hands of Mr. Currie.

A petition was presented from Wananosh, requesting the moderating in of a call from the congregation there; upon which the Rev. John Ross was appointed to moderate in the call some time before the end of October, and forward it to the special meeting of Presbytery to be held at London, on the 20th of November.

A Committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. D. McKenzie, D. McDiarmid, W. S. Ball, and J. Scott, Ministers, and Mr. W. Clarke, Elder, for the purpose of examining students previous to their return to College, and of furnishing them with certificates to the Professors Court.

The following distribution was made of the missionaries at the disposal of the Presbytery:—

The Rev. John Gauld was appointed to Mitchell for six weeks, Mornington for three weeks, and to Bear Creek during the rest of the time till next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. Daniel Clark to South Dorchester for two Sabbaths, to Lobo one Sabbath, and to Dunwich during the rest of the time till next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. James Ferguson to Bosanquet, from his date till the time of his ordination.

The following appointments were given to members of Presbytery:—

The Rev. W. R. Sutherland was appointed to spend six weeks in the Townships north of Godrich—his own congregation to be supplied during his absence, by Messrs. McKenzie, McDiarmid,