

The Presbytery took into consideration a memorial from N. Gower, one of our mission stations, applying for the organization of a church. A substantial stone church has for some time been completed, and the average attendance on preaching is calculated to be about 200. Mr. Fraser and Mr. R. Kennedy, elders, were appointed to attend to this business. Mr. Fraser is to preach there on the 15th and 22nd of October, his pulpit being supplied by Mr. W. Forrest, Catechist.

It was found that the collection for the F. C. Mission had been taken up in all the congregations.

Mr. G. Cuthbertson and Mr. W. Forrest, gave interesting reports of their labors during the summer, which met with the approbation of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery made arrangements for missionary meetings during winter.

The students within the bounds—four in number—underwent the usual examination preparatory to their return to Knox's College.

The Presbytery had a long conversation on the matter of certificates to students. It was reported, and there is every reason to believe the reports, that the College authorities do not call for such certificates, although the Synod has made regulations *there anent*. Hence, it was thought by some, that the examination was but a mere form, for students not possessing certificates were at once admitted. It is likely that this matter may come up again either by an overture or complaint.

[We are not aware that the College Committee neglect to call for Presbyterian certificates.]—EDITOR.

The following supplies were appointed:

DALHOUSIE.

Nov. 12th,.....Mr. Smith.
Dec. 17th,.....Mr. Duncan.
Jan. 7th,.....Mr. Melville.

BRISTOL.

Nov. 12th,.....Mr. Wardrope.
Dec. 17th,.....Mr. Gourlay.
Jan. 7th,.....Mr. Fraser.

N. GOWER.

Oct. 8th,.....Mr. Lochhead.
" 15th and 22nd,.....Mr. Fraser.
Dec. 17th,.....Mr. Corbett.

Mr. J. McEwen's services were again assigned to an interesting mission field, embracing Cumberland, Clarence and Lochaber. Mr. McEwen gave a very encouraging view of the state of matters in these townships; and Messrs. Wardrope and Gourlay were appointed a Committee to visit them and to counsel Mr. McEwen in his arduous work.

Mr. Smith brought under the notice of Presbytery the remit of Synod *anent* the sustentation of the Ministry. The following deputations were appointed to visit the churches with the view of urging on the people the propriety of increasing the minister's stipends *pari passu* with the increased expenses.

To visit Perth, Rockwith and Ramsay—Mr. Wardrope and Mr. Hay, elder; McNab, Pembroke, Wakefield—Mr. Smith and Mr. Irving, elder; Bytown, Osgoode, Aylmer and Napain—Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Durie, elder.

The Presbytery meets on Tuesday, 9th Jan.

S. C. FRASER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF COBourg.

The Presbytery met at Westwood on the 23rd August. The minutes of the last meeting were read and sustained. The Ministers appointed at the last meeting to preach in the vacant congregations and mission stations severally reported that they had fulfilled their appointments.

The Presbytery agreed that the several students residing within their bounds should appear at the next meeting for examination before proceeding to College.

The Presbytery agreed to take up the matter of Mr. McAleese's resignation of the congregation of Norwood. Mr. McAleese expressed his earnest desire to be released from the pastoral charge of Norwood. Commissioners from the congregation were heard, who stated that the people were all anxious to retain the services of Mr. McAleese, and that they were willing, to the utmost of their power, to contribute for his support. Mr. Roger engaged in prayer.

The Presbytery seriously considered the various points for and against Mr. McAleese's leaving; when it was moved and agreed to unanimously, "That upon a conjunct view of the whole circumstances of the case, especially Mr. McAleese's explicit declaration of his strong desire to leave his present charge, it would not tend to the edification of the people among whom he labours or to his own usefulness to remain with them. The Presbytery therefore resolve to release him and hereby do release him from his pastoral relation to the people and congregation of Norwood."

Mr. Blain was appointed to preach at Norwood on the second Sabbath, of September and declare the congregation vacant.

Mr. Hoag was appointed to preach at Norwood and Warsaw on the 1st Sabbath of October, and Mr. Andrews at Norwood on the 4th Sabbath of October, and at Warsaw during the following week.

The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Cobourg, on Monday, 30th October, at 6 o'clock, P. M., and the following day, if business requires it.

J. W. SVIRTU, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

This Presbytery met at Toronto on the 6th ult. Most of the Ministers were present, but very few Elders. The Rev. S. Young of Guelph, and the Rev. W. King of Buxton, being present, were invited to sit with the Presbytery.

Professor Young having signified that it would be inconvenient for him to attend the Presbytery of Kingston, as a Commissioner from this Presbytery in the matter of the translation of the Rev. Wm. Gregg, the Rev. John Laing was appointed in Prof. Young's place.

The report of the Rev. James Nisbet's missionary visit to St. Vincent and vicinity, was given in and read, whereupon it was resolved, That the Presbytery receive Mr. Nisbet's excellent report, and thank him for his diligence in fulfilling the appointment of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery having considered the circumstances of the district in the north-western part of the bounds of this Presbytery, and also of Mono, appointed the members of the Presbytery residing in Toronto a Committee, (Dr. Burns, Convener,) to use their best endeavor to obtain the services of Mr. Meldrum, or Mr. Alexander, or other Ministers to visit the region referred to.

A report was given by a Committee appointed to consider a case referred to the Presbytery by the session of Orillia. The diligence of the Committee in this matter was approved of, and the report received.

According to injunction of Synod the Ministers present were asked as to the collection for the French Canadian Missionary Society having been made in their several congregations. It appeared that in most instances the collection had been attended to. The Presbytery Clerk was instructed to communicate with the congregations that have neglected the collection.

A communication was read from the Rev. John Mitchell of Brock and Reach, signifying his desire to resign his charge. It was agreed that the communication should lie on the table until the next meeting, when Mr. Mitchell is expected to be present. The Clerk was instructed to cite the Congregations of Brock and Reach to appear for their interests.

The Presbytery then proceeded to take up a complaint and appeal from a sentence of the Session of Knox's Church, Toronto, in regard to the *ordination to the office of the Eldership* of Mr. George A. Pyper and Mr. John M. Campbell, who along with others had been elected by the Congregation. The minutes of the session bearing on the case were read. Parties appeared and were heard, viz. Dr. Burns, complainant; Mr. Donald Fraser, and Mr. Thomas McKay for appellants; Mr. J. McMurrich and Mr. James Shaw for the Session, and Messrs. Pyper and Campbell for themselves. Parties having been removed the Presbytery having fully deliberated on the case, it was moved by Mr. Ure and duly seconded, "That having heard with painful feelings the reasonings and pleadings in the case, the Presbytery dismiss the complaint and appeal, and find in substantial harmony with the decision of the Session, that the evidence before the court exhibits no tangible objections against the christian character and church standing of Messrs. Pyper and Campbell, nor any valid reason to show why these parties should not be admitted to the office of the Eldership; and they instruct the session to proceed in taking the usual steps as directed by the laws of the Church in such cases."

It was moved in amendment by Mr. McTavish, and duly seconded, "That the Presbytery having heard with very painful feelings the statements of the parties in this case, after reasoning, agree to dismiss the complaint and the appeal, and affirm the judgment of the session in so far as to find the charges not proven; yet find that considering the strong feelings which have been excited on both sides, it is inexpedient that Messrs. Pyper and Campbell be ordained meanwhile as Elders in the Congregation of Knox's church."

The Roll was called and the votes marked when there voted for the first motion 4, and for the second 3, several members not voting for either. Parties having been called, and the sentence of Presbytery announced, Messrs. Shaw and McMurrich acquiesced in the finding. Dr. Burns protested for leave to appeal to the Synod, took instruments and craved extracts. Messrs. Fraser and McKay also protested for leave to appeal to the Synod, took instruments, craved extracts, which were granted. Messrs. McTavish, Holmes and D. Elder dissented and protested for leave to complain to the Synod.

The deliverance of the Synod in the King case having been read, it was agreed that a special meeting of the Presbytery be held at King, within the church there on Wednesday, 11th October, at 11 o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of carrying out the instructions contained in the Synod's remit.

The subject of the support of the ministry was then taken up, when the deliverance of Synod in the matter was read, and also the statistical table of this Presbytery so far as it bears on the matter of stipends. From this table it appeared that the stipends of the greater number of the ministers of Presbytery were under £150. After deliberation the Presbytery appointed a Committee consisting of Messrs. James Shaw, (Convener,) J. McMurrich, J. Henning, Rev. Mr. Reid, Rev. R. Ure, and Rev. Mr. McTavish, to communicate personally, or by letter, with the Managers or Deacons of each congregation giving at present less than £150 as stipend, with the view of having the stipends raised to that sum, so as to meet the altered state of prices in the country.

The Rev. James Boyd, of Markham, made a statement in regard to the condition of pecuniary matters in the congregation, and tendered the resignation of his charge, with the view of taking charge for a time at least of a Grammar School at Richmond Hill. It was agreed that Mr. Boyd's resignation lie on the table until next meeting of Presbytery, and that the congregation under his charge be summoned to appear there for their interests.