

his favour, from the congregation of Port Stanley, and that the Rev. J. P. McNaughton had accepted of the call, presented to him from the congregation of Saugeen, and that, in accordance with the direction of Presbytery, subjects of trials for ordination had been prescribed to both, which trials they were now ready to deliver,—the Presbytery agreed to enter on the hearing of said trials. The trials having been heard with satisfaction, and the usual course of examination having been conducted, the Presbytery agreed to sustain the trials and examination, and appointed the ordination of Mr. Donk to take place on Wednesday, the 14th February, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Mr. Ross to preach and preside, Mr. McMillan to address the minister, and Mr. Scott to address the people; and the ordination of Mr. McNaughton to take place on Friday, the 23rd of February. The services to be conducted by Mr. McPherson of Stratford, and Mr. Ball, assisted by Mr. McKinnon of Owen Sound. Mr. McPherson to preach and preside.

A report was laid on the table from the Committee appointed at last ordinary meeting, on the subject of colportage, which having been read, was received, and, with a few alterations, adopted. In terms of two reports, the Presbytery agreed to engage two or three persons to act as colporteurs, to establish a depository in London, in which suitable books for circulation might be kept, and to appoint a Committee, whose duty should be to select the books for circulation, and direct the work of the colporteurs; also that the salaries of the colporteurs should be £52, exclusive of necessary expenses, and that the funds necessary for carrying on the work, should be obtained from the profits of sales, and the Presbytery Home Mission Fund.

While the Williams and Lobo case was under consideration, the Presbytery having learned that the Williams congregation had determined on selling the pews of their church, to be held in perpetuity by private persons and families, and considering that such a measure would prove hurtful to the future interests of the congregation, appointed Mr. McMillan and Scott, Ministers, and Mr. Clark, the Presbytery's Lay Agent, a deputation, to advise with the people of Williams respecting the course on which they had determined, and endeavour to dissuade them from it.

The attention of the Presbytery having been called to the circumstance, that a circular letter had been addressed to the ministers of our church by the Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, asking their special interest in the Colonial Mission, the Presbytery considering the deep obligations that the Presbyterian Church of Canada is under to the Free Church of Scotland, agreed to recommend, that a collection be taken up at an early date, in the respective congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery, in aid of the funds of the Colonial Mission.

The station of Bear Creek, which had hitherto been reckoned a branch of the Sarnia congregation, though at a distance of twenty miles from it, the Presbytery agreed to regard as a distinct charge, and as having a claim for a regular service in the Presbytery's Home Mission.

The congregation of Port Burwell requested, through their Deputy, Mr. Stephens, that the Presbytery would be pleased, at as early a date as possible, to moderate in a call there, upon which the Presbytery agreed to hold a special meeting there, on Wednesday, the 7th of February for the purpose of attending to this business.

The Presbytery, on proceeding to the business of distributing missionary supplies, heard petitions read from Tilbury, Mersea, Gray, Mitchell, and Howard, after which the following appointments were made:

For Mitchell, Mr. McFatrick, for three months.

For Wawanosh, Mr. Peter Currie, for three months.

For Stanley and Fingal, Mr. McNaughton, till the time of his ordination; also Mr. McMillan, for the first Sabbath of February.

For Port Burwell, Mr. Donk, till the time of his ordination.

For Bosanquet, Mr. Walker, for last Sabbath of January, and two succeeding Sabbaths; Mr. McPherson, of Williams, was also appointed to assist Mr. Walker in dispensing the ordinance of the Lord's supper there on the second Sabbath of February.

For Bear Creek, Mr. Sutherland, for the first two Sabbaths of February.

For Yarmouth, Mr. Ross, for the third Sabbath of February; and Mr. McKenzie, for the last Sabbath of February.

For Thamesford, Mr. Tolmie, for the last Sabbath of January; Mr. McDiarmid, the first Sabbath of February; Mr. Allan, the first Sabbath of March; Mr. Wallace, the first Sabbath of April; and Mr. McKenzie, the last Sabbath of April.

For Dorchester, Mr. Ball, the first Sabbath of May.

For Tilbury, Mr. King, two Sabbaths before next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

For Howard, Mr. McColl, for first Sabbath of April; Mr. Doak, second and third Sabbaths of April; and Mr. King, one Sabbath before next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

For Wallaceburgh, Mr. McLaren, for second Sabbath of February; and Mr. Tolmie, for third and fourth Sabbaths of February. Mr. Graham was appointed to supply Mr. Tolmie's pulpit on the two Sabbaths of his absence at Wallaceburgh.

The Presbytery decided on holding the usual Annual Missionary Meetings. For this purpose, the Presbytery was divided into three sections, and the members of each section left to make their own arrangements, and to give notice to the congregations and mission stations within the limits of their section.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Woodstock, on the second Wednesday of May, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

J. Scott, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton met on the 9th and 10th ultimo, when a considerable amount of business came before them.

Messrs. Young and Smellie were appointed to organize the Congregation at Berlin, on the 23rd ultimo, and to moderate in a call at Woolwich, from the united Congregations at Woolwich, on the 24th. A request from the second Congregation, in Hamilton, to have a call moderated in as soon as possible, was agreed to, and Thursday, the 25th ult., was appointed for that purpose.—Mr. Alexander, of Brantford, to preach and preside. The Presbytery to meet the following day, with power to consider, and if they should see fit, to sustain the call, as also the call from Woolwich and Berlin, if it shall be forwarded, and to take up any other business in reference to calls which may come before them.

The Congregation at Cumminsville, heretofore connected with the charge of the Rev. Alexander McLean, of Wellington Square and Waterdown, was, by request of all parties, separated from that connection, and associated with the congregation of Nairnchurch, West Flamboro'. And the Presbytery agreed to record their gratification at the spirit manifested by Mr. McLean, and their deep sense of his zeal and devotedness in behalf of the interests of the church in that quarter. Mr. Gillespie, an ordained Missionary, was appointed to dispense the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the congregations of Paris and Blenheim. Mr. Irvine reported that he had preached, as appointed, at St. Catharines, and organized the congregation there. Various missionary appointments were made. Mr. Irvine was appointed

convener of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery, in place of Mr. Alexander, who resigned; and it is requested that all communications in reference to the Home Mission business of the Presbytery, be addressed to the Rev. Robert Irvine, Hamilton. John McNab, Esq., merchant, Hamilton, has consented to act as Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund, and contributions to that fund may be transmitted directly to him. The following resolution was adopted by the Presbytery, viz:

"That at next meeting of Presbytery, the subject of a special concert for prayer throughout the church, be considered with any other means that may be deemed advisable, in order to give practical effect to the conference lately held by Ministers and Elders on the general state of religion within the bounds, and that the clerk be requested to invite, through the *Record*, all Ministers and Elders within the bounds, to be in attendance."

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to take place at Hamilton, on the second Tuesday of April, at 3 o'clock, P. M. The Financial Returns to the Presbytery were satisfactory, showing attention to the Synodical collections, and an increase in the stipends of Ministers. In one case, however, the stipend is still under the minimum, though there is an improvement on former years. Several Ministers mentioned tokens of esteem which they had received from their respective congregations.

M. Y. STARR, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The Presbytery of Cobourg held the first of their missionary meetings, for the present winter, in Cobourg, on the evening of Monday, the 8th January. The meeting was large and attentive. The Presbytery was well represented, six ministers being present, besides two ministers of the Congregational Church.

The monthly collections for missions made during the past year, amounted to £65—a considerable advance on last year. The collection made at the meeting was liberal, and was given to the Foreign Missions of the Free Church. A full report of the missionary operations of the congregation was read. This report indicated considerable energy and life in the missionary operations of the congregation during the past year. The speaking was good. The music, conducted by the Congregational choir, excellent, and all parties seemingly pleased, and well profited by the proceedings of the evening. The next meeting was held at

GRAFTON.

And though there was neither snow nor moonlight—two things necessary for a winter missionary meeting—the attendance was better than for several years previous. The speeches were listened to with delight, while the collections made at the close of the meeting for the Foreign Mission and for the Buxton Mission, was larger than on any previous occasion.

COLBORNE

was next visited. The meeting here was something smaller than formerly, owing to the fact, that there was another meeting of a similar nature held by another body in the neighborhood, which called off a considerable number. The collection and subscriptions we hope will not fall short of previous years.

TRENTON,

next visited, is quite a new station in connection with this Church. Two years have scarcely elapsed since we first broke ground here, and only ten months since we made the first attempt at holding a missionary meeting. The prospects for a large and influential congregation are very encouraging. The meeting was large and respectable, and seemingly very much interested in the accounts given by the speakers, of the pro-