

of the Independent Church. Although the contribution was less than on the two preceding years, it is hoped that when the friends who were expected to attend the meeting shall have been waited upon, there will be found no reason for supposing that Belleville is falling behind.

From Belleville we proceeded to Roslin, (Huntingdon) and after the transaction of some Presbyterial business, a Missionary Meeting was held on Thursday evening, in the church. In proportion to the number of our adherents in this locality, the attendance and contributions were fully as large as in any of our congregations.

On Friday, the Presbytery was again constituted in Melrose. (Tyendenaga). Mr. Chesnut delivered, with approbation, a popular discourse, and underwent a satisfactory examination in Greek. On the evening of the day the Missionary Meeting was held. The attendance was but small, but in proportion to the numbers, the contributions were very liberal.

The following appointments of Missionary Meetings were made:—

Kingston—Monday, January 31st

Gunnanogue—Tuesday, February 1st.

Storrington—Wednesday, Feb. 2d, 6 o'clock, P.M.

Dallinahinch—Thursday, Feb. 3d, 10½ " A.M.

WILLIAM GREGG, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

The Presbytery held its ordinary meeting at Perth, on Tuesday, the 11th January. It continued in session for two days. The most important items of business were the following:—

Two *pro re nata* meetings had been held since last ordinary meeting. At these a call from the Ramsay congregation, in favour of Mr. James Smith, Probationer, recently from Scotland, had been sustained, and subjects for trials prescribed. On the present occasion, the Presbytery heard Mr. Smith's discourses, examined him in Hebrew, Church History, &c., and on a conjunct view of all the circumstances, agreed to proceed with his ordination and induction immediately.

According to appointment, the Presbytery met at Ramsay, on Thursday, the 13th, and, after sermon by Mr. Gourlay, proceeded to complete the solemn services for which they met. Mr. Gourlay presided, and put the usual questions, and Mr. Wardrop offered up the ordination prayer, when Mr. Smith was set apart for the work of the holy ministry, "by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery." Thereafter Mr. Duncan addressed the minister, and Mr. Fraser the people.

This is a most harmonious settlement, and one likely, by the blessing of God, to do much good.

The Presbytery made the following appointments for holding missionary meetings throughout the bounds:—

Perth—January, 12, at 7 o'clock, P.M.

Blyth—February 14, at 7 " P.M.

Gloicester— " 15, at 11 " A.M.

Oggoode— " 15, at 7 " P.M.

Napton— " 16, at 2 " P.M.

Bell's Corners—Feb. 16, at 7 " P.M.

Gatiness— " 17, at 7 " P.M.

Ramsay— " 21, at 2 " P.M.

Carlton Place— " 21, at 7 " P.M.

Beckwith— " 22, at 11 " A.M.

Gouthern— " 22, at 7 " P.M.

North Gower— " 23, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Dalhousie, St. Andrews—Feb. 24, at 12 " Do.

9th Line—Feb. 24, at 6 o'clock, P.M.

Barnston, McNab—March 8, at 11 " A.M.

Bentley— " 8, at 7 " P.M.

Pembroke— " 9, at 6 " P.M.

Bristol— " 10, at 6 " P.M.

Collections have been taken up for the schemes in all the churches, on the days appointed by the Synod.

The Clerk was instructed to apply to the Home Mission Committee for four missionaries or catechists.

S. C. FRASER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The Presbytery of London met on the 12th January, in St. Andrew's Church, London.—After that some preliminary business had been disposed of, the attention of the Presbytery was called to the much lamented death of John Fraser, Esq., which took place on the 21st December last, and by which the Lord had been pleased, in his wise but mysterious Providence, to remove from the Church an elder of singular piety and usefulness; when a Committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. Messrs. D. McKenzie, D. Allan and L. McPherson, to prepare a minute expressive of the Presbytery's high esteem for the character of Mr. Fraser, and their deep sense of the loss sustained by themselves and the Church in general, through his decease, and also to prepare a letter of sympathy to be sent to his afflicted widow.

The following is the minute prepared by the Committee:—

"The members of the Presbytery of London feel themselves called on to record in their minutes, with deep sorrow, the sore bereavement with which it has pleased the Almighty to visit them, in the late sudden removal from among them, by death, of John Fraser, Esq. While the members of this Presbytery are deeply sensible of the heavy loss which they have sustained in the departure of Mr. Fraser, they desire to recognise the holy sovereignty of God in the event, and in all humility and adoration to bow before the throne of the Most High—to be still and know that he is God."

"The Presbytery have to record with thankfulness the care and kindness of the Chief Shepherd to them and their congregations, in having sent their deceased father and friend to reside among them, at a trying period of their history as a Church: when and ever since till his Master called him hence—by wise, faithful, and affectionate counsel—by many labours of love, and by his uniform, meek, and dignified christian deportment, he secured the respect and affection of us all, in a very high degree; and when our minds are deeply solemnized before God by this sudden and great breach made upon us, we rejoice in giving glory to the Saviour for his grace, in preserving the christian character of one who occupied so large a place in public, pure and untarnished, till the termination of his course."

"The Presbytery record their heartfelt sympathy with the sorrowing widow, Mrs. Fraser, the fatherless children, and also with the congregation of London, and all its office-bearers—a congregation which the deceased so eminently adorned and saved by his counsel and example, and pray that the Lord may comfort and support them all according to their need."

"The members of Presbytery consider themselves especially called on, to make a personal and practical improvement of this loud call addressed to them, by increased zeal in the Lord's work, and by more fervent prayer and watchfulness, not knowing 'when the Master cometh.'"

A petition was laid on the table, from the congregation at Amherstburgh, praying for the moderation in a call, which petition the Court agreed to grant, and appointed a meeting of Presbytery to be held at Amherstburgh, on the 9th of February next, at 11 o'clock, A.M., for attending to this business.

A letter was read from Mr. McColl, minister at Chatham, intimating that there was a desire on the part of the people at Tilbury for separation from the congregation of Chatham, with the object of their enjoying the entire services of a separate labourer, and also that the Chatham portion of the pastoral charge was quite agreeable to said separation. The Presbytery regard this desire of the people of Tilbury favourably, but as no formal documents had been sent expressive of this desire, the full consideration of the matter was deferred till next ordinary meeting.

A petition was presented from the congregation of Thamesford (late St. Andrews) requesting a supply of divine services every alternate Sabbath, and promising to pay toward the salary of any labourer who might be appointed, the sum of £50, yearly. The petition was received with much pleasure by the Presbytery, who agreed to meet the prayer of it, as far as possible, in the distribution of missionary service.

A call which had been lately moderated in, from the united congregations of Blandford and Melrose, in favour of the Rev. Andrew Tolmie, probationer, and entrusted by the Presbytery, was presented to him by the Moderator, with a request that he would, as early as possible, intimate his acceptance or rejection of the same.

A memorial was read from the Division of the Sons of Temperance at Stratford, praying the Presbytery to take into consideration the propriety of publishing a Presbyterial address, setting forth the evils of intemperance, and urging the practice of total abstinence as an expedient for removing these evils. The Presbytery having considered the memorial, unanimously and cordially agreed to take steps for fulfilling the prayer of it, and appointed the Revs. Thomas McPherson, Daniel Allan, and John Ross, a committee to prepare an address of the above description, and get 3000 copies of it printed for distribution.

The attention of the Presbytery was called to the importance of using means to awaken a more general and decided interest, in the cause of Christ, among the people under their care; when the Court resolved, that a course of missionary meetings should be held in connection with all the congregations and principal mission stations within the bounds. And in order to facilitate the accomplishment of this, the Presbytery was divided into three sections, Western, Eastern, and Middle. As none of the brethren belonging to the western section were present, the Clerk was instructed to give them notice of the resolution of the Presbytery, leaving them to fix the time for the meetings within their district, which they might deem most convenient. The meetings in the eastern section were appointed to be held in the last week of January, and in the middle section in the first and second weeks of February.

The business of the distribution of missionary service having been taken up, the Rev. William McLaren was appointed to Fingal for one month, to Aldborough for the same portion of time, and thereafter to Wallaceburgh till further orders.—The Rev. Andrew Tolmie to Carradoc for two weeks, Thamesford for a month, and after this time to Blandford till further appointment.

The following appointments of missionary service were also given to members of Presbytery:—The Rev. Donald McKenzie and the Rev. Duncan McDiannid, were appointed to preach at Thamesford, the former on the second Sabbath of March, and the latter on the second Sabbath of April. The Rev. Robert Wallace, to preach at Blandford on the first Sabbath of February, and the Rev. W. S. Ball to preach at the same place on the third Sabbath of February.—The Rev. Thomas McPherson and the Rev. D. Allan were appointed to visit Queen's Bush.

JOHN SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

[FOR THE RECORD.]

STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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While the members of the Students' Missionary Society feel it to be their duty to express their gratitude, to those who have so kindly assisted them by their prayers and contributions, in carrying on their Missionary operations among the poor deluded votaries of the Man of Sin, they feel also, that it is their duty to keep those who are thus co-operating with them, acquainted with the condition and progress of the Mission,