

appointed to visit them soon, and that Mr. Maik, their Catechist, should be recognized as one of the Catechists of the Presbytery, they engaging to make contributions to the Home Mission Fund of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery appointed Mr. McMillan, of Caledon, to visit Nottawanga in the course of the winter, and referred other matters connected with Mr. Rintoul's report to the Mission Committee of the Presbytery. Mr. McMillan and Mr. Boyd, of Markham, were also appointed to disperse the Lord's Supper, at an early day, in West Gwillimbury.

Mr. Boyd made an interesting report of a visit to Brock and Reach. In compliance with a request from the Congregation in the former Township, he and Mr. Harris were appointed to preside in the election of persons to the office of the eldership, and to examine, and eventually ordain the persons who may be elected.

The Presbytery adjourned to the 17th October.

At this meeting, Dr. Burns reported, that he had dispensed the Lord's Supper in Eldon, on the 1st day of October, assisted in the Gaelic, by Mr. Eller, Catechist, that the season had been a refreshing one. Mr. Harris made a similar report, respecting Oro. Mr. Gibb and Mr. Young, Elders, a Deputation from the United Congregation of Scarboro' and York Mills, appeared in the Presbytery, and were heard respecting the induction of Mr. Wightman. Mr. Wightman's call had been before sustained, and his induction had been delayed, only on account of the difficulty felt in releasing him from his station in the Academy. The Presbytery, after some discussion, resolved to proceed with the induction on the 15th November—the Service to be conducted at York Mills, at 12 o'clock, noon. Drs. Burns and Willis to conduct the Services on the occasion. The Presbytery were satisfied that a due provision will be made for Mr. Wightman, and have good hopes, that the congregation will come on the sustentation fund.

Dr. Willis, it may be mentioned, preaches in Scarboro', at the opening of a New Church, on Sabbath, the 22nd October. Mr. Wightman has approved himself a diligent laborer in the field, even while he has had the onerous duties of a Mastership in the Toronto Academy to perform. We are indebted much good under the divine blessing on his ministry, when he is able to give himself undistinctly to it.

The Presbytery had under consideration the plan of an agency for the various Schemes of the Church, as resolved on by the Synod at the last meeting, when the following deliverance was unanimously adopted:—The Presbytery record their regret that Mr. Burns has not yet entered on the office of agent, and resolve to apply to the commission at their meeting next week, urging them to take measures to carry out the resolutions of the synod, on this subject, especially that adopted at the twentieth Session, held at Toronto, 23rd June last, as recorded at page 31, of the printed minutes. Besides the special meeting of Presbytery for the induction at Scarboro', on the 15th November, it was resolved, that meetings for explaining and recommending the sustentation

scheme, and the other schemes of the church, be held as under:—

At Toronto, on the 25th October.

At Union Church, Esqueping, on the 31st October.

At Markham, on Wednesday, the 8th November.

Mr. Burns, Agent, to be requested to attend and address the Congregations on these occasions. The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery, is to be held at Toronto, on the 8th day of December next, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

We here subjoin the circular letter addressed by Mr. Gray, as Clerk of the Presbytery:—

TO THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA, AT THE MISSION STATIONS WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE PRESBYTERY.

Norval, 6th Oct., 1848.

DEAR BROTHERS,—

I am directed by the Presbytery to bring before your notice, the claims of the various schemes of our church, upon the christian liberality of its members:—

These schemes, besides occasional collections for important purposes, are three,—the Home Mission Fund—the College Fund—and the Synod Fund. They are all of a missionary character, as is our church. Their vigorous working is essential to our spiritual life and progress. And if we are to uphold effectively a banner for the truth in this land, our people must come forward in well-directed—and sustained—and prayerful effort.—It greatly would it be desirable, and very encouraging to us, to see the missionary stations exhibit more energy in doing what lies in their power to sustain these schemes, upon the right management of which depends, in a great measure, under God, the bestowal of the richest blessings upon the scattered and spiritually destitute population of this province.

Believing that you need nothing more than to be stirred up by way of remembrance, I venture to remind you of Christ's words:—“Freely ye have received, freely give.” And with the design of assisting you in orderly efforts, there are sent with this circular, some printed forms of subscription papers for the Home Mission Fund of the Presbytery, and for the College Fund. The mode of using these papers you are probably acquainted with, but lest any of you should now see such papers for the first time, I would take the liberty of suggesting the following plan for your guidance:—

Let your congregation be divided into four or more districts, as may be convenient—appoint a collector for each district—let these districts be canvassed at regular seasons—and let the whole contributions be brought to the Treasurer, whose name will be written at the head of the subscription paper, in the blank left for the purpose. Let the plan of management be a permanent thing,—change your collector and treasurer if need require—but let your system for the support of Missions, be as stable and well-known as your ecclesiastical connexion. And let the young be employed as much in the work as possible. We want youthful zeal. Let office-bearers seek more to raise up Timothies and Phobes in our churches and mission stations, and to encourage such; give them early something to do in the vineyard.

I conclude, dear friends, by quoting to you one word, which will at once remind you of precious grace in Christ, and of blessed duty for Christ.—“Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.” Such riches I implore for you, and am

Yours, very truly,

P. GRAY.
Clerk Presb., Toronto.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Take Editor of the Record.

Dundas, October 20, 1848.

DEAR SIR,—The ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton, took place at Hamilton, on the 11th and 12th instant, at which all the ministers of the Presbytery—with the exception of the respected minister of Hamilton, who was not sufficiently recovered from his late severe illness to attend—were present. Interest was added to the meeting by the presence of the venerable father of the Presbytery, the Rev. Daniel Eastman. I am sorry, however, to say, that not one of the representative elders were present.

It was agreed to, on the motion of Mr. MacGregor, that a short time be devoted to the commencement of each meeting of Presbytery, to reading of the scriptures and prayer.

Mr. William Ball passed his remaining trials for license, much to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, and was, after prayer and exhortation, licensed to preach the gospel within the bounds, by the Moderator.

The reports of the visitors appointed in connection with the sustentation board, were given in, and a tabular statement of the statistics of the congregations collected by the visitors, were given in by the Secretary to the sustentation board.

The congregation at Wellandport, in connection with the Niagara Presbytery of the American Church, has agreed to join with the congregation of our Church there, in applying to this Presbytery for a supply of preaching—neither congregation being strong enough a one to support a missionary—and, at the same time, the former congregation not yet feeling prepared for a union with this Church. The application was referred to the Home Mission Committee.

An application from the congregation at Sydenham, in the Owen's Sound settlement, to have a new call moderated in to Mr. McPherson, was declined, in consequence of a letter from Mr. McPherson, stating that he felt his health inadequate to this laborious charge, and wishing to be transferred to the bounds of the Presbytery of London. A deputation from the congregation at Acton, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Toronto, who were present to prosecute a call to Mr. McPherson from that congregation, withdrew their application on the same grounds.

The committee on the St. Thomas case, not having had it in their power to go there, the matter was referred to the London Presbytery, giving them power to call in the assistance of such assessors as they may require from this Presbytery.

Mr. Dickson, student, was appointed catechist at Woolwich, for the winter, on the assurance that his salary should be provided for by the congregation there.

A motion was made and agreed to, to provide a copy of the standards and formulae of the Church, for the subscription of the members of Presbytery and others.

The convener of the committee on Dr. Ferrier's case, reported that owing to the illness of Mr. Robb, and other causes, the committee had not yet met; whereupon the Presbytery agreed to take up the case forthwith, and hold a conference with Dr. Ferrier in terms of the appointment of Synod. After lengthened conference, certain questions were proposed to Dr. Ferrier, with the view of ascertaining clearly his views on the subject of the conference.

Dr. Ferrier expressed his willingness to give in answers to the queries, in writing to the clerk previous to the next ordinary meeting.

An application from the congregation at Woolwich, to have the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper dispensed there was agreed to, and Mr. Bayne, and failing him, Mr. McGregor was appointed to this duty.

Mr. Ball was appointed to preach four Sabbaths at Dunnville and Wellandport.