

scribe upon the lists. The different committees might be kept in active operation till 1853.

Large sums have lately been invested here in public securities, bearing eight per cent interest, and I have no doubt but that the fund could be invested to give an annual revenue of £210. Then say 80 ministers on the list at £2 each—£160, which would give a total annual revenue of £100. This would give an average allowance of £10 to ten families, a number greater than may be expected to be on the list for many years to come, so that the permanent fund would no doubt be continually increasing.

Could the above results be attained, I think it would be much more agreeable to the feelings of the clergy and their families, were the annual collections to cease altogether after the year 1853, and I believe with an active agency on the part of the several committees, such collections would by that time be unnecessary.

Should you consider any of these suggestions worthy of notice, I will be glad if you communicate such to the Committee in a letter from yourself, as this has been written in too hurried a manner, and without sufficient consideration to be fit for publicity.

Wishing the scheme every success, and tendering any assistance I may be able to render,

I am, my dear sir,

Yours very sincerely,

WM. MURRAY.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The following is a brief abstract of the minutes of the Presbytery, which met at London on the 5th January, 1851.

The number of members present was respectable, being twenty, consisting of an equal number of ministers and elders.

The Report of the Committee appointed to visit Blenheim, was given in, read, and approved. The Presbytery agreed to receive Blenheim as a mission station, and to give such supply of missionary service as might be at their disposal.

Mr. Angus Mackay, elder from the congregation of Aldboro', &c., laid on the table of Presbytery a call in favour of the Rev. J. Ross. A petition from the London Road Station was received, praying that the Presbytery would moderate in a call in favour of Mr. Ross. Mr. Ross feeling unable himself to perceive the path of duty, referred the disposal of the call to the decision of Presbytery. The Presbytery agreed to defer further consideration of the subject till their next ordinary meeting, and in the mean time resolved to comply with the prayer of the petitioners from the London Road Station.

It was agreed that at least one of the sacramental collections during the year, in each congregation, be devoted to the Home Mission fund. Mr. Ross read an interesting report of his missionary tour within the bounds of the Presbytery, which was sustained. The Rev. L. McPherson was appointed to visit Ashfield and Kincardine, to labour there for two Sabbaths, before the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

It was resolved that a Presbyterial visitation be held within the bounds of the Presbytery annually; that not less than two ministers and an elder be appointed to visit each congregation; and that the Widows' Fund scheme be a special object presented, and advocated at the first visitation, which shall be held before the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. Messrs Ball and Wallace were enjoined to give each two Sabbath days' services to Blenheim and Blandford, (which latter was also received as a mission station) before the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery. A motion to partition the Synod to divide the Presbytery of London into two separate and distinct Presbyteries, was negatived.

The Presbytery having appointed their next ordinary meeting to be held at London on the second Wednesday of May next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, was closed with prayer.

A. McCOLL, Pres. Clerk

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton held its ordinary meeting on the 8th and 9th ult. Although there was not much business of general interest, there are a few things which I wish to communicate.

A deputation was in attendance from Caledonia, and the associated stations, requesting the Presbytery to make arrangements for having the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper dispensed. From the deputation it was ascertained that, at Caledonia, by far the majority of the Presbyterians adhered to the Presbyterian Church of Canada, while at Onocida and Ancaster the numbers adhering to our Church and to Dr. Ferrier, were about equal. The request of the deputation was agreed to, and Mr. Cheyne, Mr. Young, and Mr. McLean, were appointed to discharge this duty.

A call from Port Dover, Simcoe, and Victoria, in behalf of Mr. Andrew Wilson, probationer, was given in to the Presbytery, certified as having been duly moderated in, and signed by 55 members and 60 adherents—together with a subscription list amounting to about £100 for the minister's support. The call was sustained, and on being put into Mr. Wilson's hands, he intimated his acceptance of it. Mr. Wilson's trial discourses (the subjects having been previously given him by the Moderator, in the trust that they would be accepted by the Presbytery) were afterwards heard, and he was also examined on theology, when the Presbytery having taken a conjoint view of the whole trials, agreed to sustain the same. The Presbytery appointed the edict for Mr. Wilson's ordination to be served, and his ordination to take place at Simcoe on Wednesday, January 29th, in the event of no valid objections to the same being offered—Mr. Young of Hamilton to preach and preside—Mr. Stark to address the minister, and Mr. McLean the people.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed to take place the second Tuesday of April, at three o'clock, p. m., in place of the second Wednesday of May, as heretofore.

The Clerk was instructed to request the treasurers of congregations to send in to Mr. Stark, Clerk of Presbytery, on or before the 5th April, a return of all moneys paid to the ministers of their respective congregations, for the year previous to the 31st day of March, 1851, or from the period of return last rendered—together with the dates of payment—as the return of the Presbytery to the Synod must be made up to that date, and the accounts closed for the year.

M. Y. STARK, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERIAN SABBATH SCHOOLS, GUELPH.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Sabbath School Union, of the district of Guelph, was held in Knox's Church there, on Wednesday, 1st January last. C. J. Mickle, Esq., occupied the chair. The Rev. Messrs. Torrance, of the United Presbyterian Church, Spencer, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and Macgregor, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, were also present, and took part in the exercises. There were about 110 children from the various Sabbath Schools present on the occasion, and had weather permitted, there would doubtless have been a much larger attendance both of parents and children. The meeting was opened with praise and prayer, by the Rev. J. G. Macgregor, pastor of the church. After the Chairman had addressed the assembled children, the more advanced scholars were called upon to read the 11th chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, and were examined on the portion read, by Messrs. Spencer and Torrance. The examination of the children on the Shorter Catechism, also occupied a prominent part in the exercises of the day. Those who were examined evinced a correct knowledge and acquaintance with that excellent summary. After this, some of the children recited various hymns and paraphrases, with great correctness. At the conclusion of the examination, the children were shortly addressed by the Rev. gentlemen present, after which, they were plentifully regaled with cake and fruit, kindly provided by the ladies connected with the congregation. This important part of the exercises of the day having been concluded, the children were dismissed, seemingly highly pleased with the whole proceedings.

GUELPH, Jan. 7, 1851.

COLOURED SETTLEMENT AT RALEIGH, CANADA WEST.

In our last, we inserted a short account of the visit lately paid by Dr. Burns and Mr. King, to Pittsburg and Allegheny, on behalf of the Raleigh Settlement. We have much pleasure in now following up that sketch with the following documents which will be read with great interest:

1.—Letter to the Settlers at Raleigh, from the Coloured Inhabitants of Pittsburg, Penn.

Pittsburg, 23rd Nov., 1850.

To the Coloured Settlers at Raleigh, C. West:

DEAR BRETHREN,—We have heard with great pleasure from Dr. Burns and the Rev. Wm. King of your settlement at Raleigh. We rejoice that you have met with Christian friends who cheer and encourage you in your efforts to improve your social condition.

You are now in a land of liberty, where the rights and privileges of freemen are secured to you by law. Your future position in society will depend very much on your own exertions. We sincerely hope that by your industry and good conduct you will put to silence those who speak evil of you, and show yourselves worthy of the respect and confidence of the members of the "Elgin Association," who have nobly advocated your cause.

We feel a deep interest both in your temporal and spiritual welfare. As a lasting memorial of our kindness, we send to the Rev. W. King, a Bell for the Academy, that when we shall be mouldering in our coffins, will call your children