

—bouring as Catechists in the Presbytery of Toronto, had not yet received remuneration for their services during last summer. The Committee expressed their regret and surprise that such neglect should have been allowed by that Presbytery, by which great injustice had been done to these Students. The Convener was requested to bring the subject before the Presbytery of Toronto urging them to take immediate steps for raising the funds necessary for the purpose. The Students not having appeared to report the result of their deliberation with Mr. Black, the Committee adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, p.m. Closed with prayer.

At 3 o'clock, p.m. the Synod's Home Mission Committee met, and was constituted with prayer. Present—Mr. Robb, Convener, Mr. Cheyne, Secretary, Dr. Willis, Mr. Stark, Mr. Leishman.—The Students of Knox's College met with the Committee. Mr. Black was heard on the subject under consideration, and expressed his willingness to prosecute his mission to the French Canadians, should it appear advisable to do so. The Students informed the Committee that the result of their consultation was the resolution, that with the permission of the Church, they were desirous to continue Mr. Black's original appointment as their Missionary to the Roman Catholics of Lower Canada, of French origin. In this resolution the Committee concurred. Mr. Leishman applied to the Committee to know what position Mr. Fettes, the missionary, occupied. Mr. Leishman was instructed to ascertain the mind of Mr. Fettes, and correspond with the Committee on the subject.—The Committee then adjourned to meet at Hamilton, on the second Wednesday of October, in Knox's Church, at 7 o'clock, p.m., and Presbyteries were instructed to send applications for missionaries to the Convener before that time.—Closed with prayer.

GEORGE CHEYNE, Secretary.

At Hamilton, the eighth day of August, 1849, the Synod's Home Mission Committee met and was constituted with prayer. Present, Mr. Robb, Convener, Dr. Burns, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Stark, Mr. McGregor and Mr. Gray, ministers; Mr. McMillan, Mr. Duff and Mr. Burns, elders.

The minutes of the last meetings of the Committee were read. After discussion, in reference to that part of the minutes relating to the efficiency and acceptability of the missionaries from the Free Church of Scotland, it was agreed that the fact be noted, that the Presbyteries of Hamilton and Toronto had reported, and that although the Committee had considered that these two reports were inadequate to found a report upon—Resolved, that the Convener now forward these reports or the substance of them to the Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland with such remarks as he may consider necessary.

Mr. Stark reported in behalf of the Presbytery of Hamilton, that the Rev. Mr. Lowry and the Rev. Mr. McPherson, ministers from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, had presented satisfactory documents from that Church, and had been received as ordained missionaries within the

bounds of the Church, and are now at the disposal of the Synod's Home Mission Committee.

Mr. Gray reported that the Rev. Mr. Holmes, also a minister from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, had been received by the Presbytery of Toronto, and is now labouring as a missionary within the bounds of the said Presbytery.

Application was made by the Presbytery of Hamilton, that the Rev. Mr. McPherson be assigned as a missionary to that Presbytery which was agreed to.

It having been stated by members of the Presbytery of Toronto, that Mr. Holmes is now usefully employed in that Presbytery, the Committee agreed that Mr. Holmes be permitted to remain within their bounds for the present.

It was further requested that Mr. Lowry be assigned as a missionary to the Presbytery of Toronto, until next meeting of the Committee—which was agreed to.

It was also reported that the Rev. Mr. Smith and the Rev. Mr. Mawhoney, ministers from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, had presented satisfactory testimonials from that Church to the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Toronto, but, inasmuch as no regular meeting of Presbytery has been held since the arrival of these gentlemen, they have not been formally received. The Committee recommend that until they shall have been received and reported to them, these ministers be employed by the Presbyteries within whose bounds they may be.

The Committee then adjourned to meet at Toronto on the third Wednesday of October, at Eight o'clock, p.m.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Presbytery of Toronto held their stated quarterly meeting in Knox's College, Toronto, on Wednesday, 5th August. A summary of the more important matters brought under their notice, is herewith presented.

Messrs. Burns and Harris, reported concerning the Mission Stations, and the state of the Mission Fund of the Presbytery, and a letter from Mr. Landlaw, late Treasurer of the Presbytery's Mission Fund, referring to matters connected with the same was also read. From the report and letter, it appeared that the funds of the Presbytery were exhausted, and a considerable debt incurred; and that there were some Mission Stations contributing little or nothing to the fund, while yet there were heavy expenses incurred in procuring and sending them supplies. The Presbytery deeply regretting this state of things, after lengthened conference, agreed to take up the consideration of the whole matter at an adjourned meeting to be held in October next.

It was intimated that Ministers and Missionaries, sent to supply preaching, or to assist in the dispensation of ordinances, in both settled and vacant congregations, were frequently left to pay even the expenses incurred in proceeding sometimes a distance to these congregations. Wherefore, the Presbytery resolved, that the travelling expenses of Ministers, and also of Catechists and Missionaries, who are not otherwise provided for, be defrayed, as it is their very obvious duty, by the congregations and stations who receive their services.

A call to the Rev. Andrew T. Holmes, from the congregations of (Free) Temple Church, Chinguacousy, East Chinguacousy, and East Toronto Township, was laid before the Presbytery; and, along with the call two documents, guaranteeing the sum of £30 per annum, as a stipend for the

minister. Mr. Gray reported that he had moderated the said call at Temple Church, on 30th August, and that good order, and the most perfect unanimity had characterized all the proceedings. The Presbytery having heard the call, and accompanying documents read, agreed to record their satisfaction with the fact that the said call was unanimous and cordial; but considering that £100 per annum, has always been held by this Church, and is in truth the lowest amount of stipend that should, in any ordinary case be offered to a minister, and that in this case, less than that sum has been guaranteed, agreed to sustain the call only on the express understanding that the salary to be given to Mr. Holmes, be raised at the least to the minimum, viz., £100 per annum.

The call was then placed in the hands of Mr. Holmes, who signified his willingness to accept the same. The Presbytery then appointed the induction of Mr. Holmes to take place at Temple Church, on Wednesday, 3rd October, proximo.—Messrs. Rintoul, Harris and Gray, to conduct the proceedings on that occasion.

It will not be out of place to remark here, that these congregations, were about the first to declare their adherence to our principles. The congregation of Temple Church after the disruption, immediately set to and built themselves a neat place of worship. They have never been a burden on the Mission Fund, but, on the contrary, might be held up as an example to many of faithfulness and punctuality in remunerating the Catechists and Missionaries sent to labour among them, while, at the same time, their duty in reference to the various schemes of the Church was not overlooked. Various causes have hitherto prevented the settlement of a pastor among them, and they have suffered somewhat in consequence, but it is hoped that all things have been ordered right, and that now the minister upon whom they have set their affections may prove the man whom God designed for them, and whose labours he will greatly bless.

Mr. John Ross, Student of Divinity, appeared before the Presbytery to undergo his public trials for license, when he delivered with entire approbation the various exercises which had been prescribed to him. The Presbytery then proceeded to license Mr. Ross. The formula to be subscribed by probationers was read to him, when he intimated that he was not prepared to admit what he conceived to be the literal meaning of some passages in the Confession of Faith, cap. xxiii., relating to the duties of the civil magistrate, in reference to matters of conscience and the government of the Church. The Presbytery, after hearing Mr. Ross' statement, conferred with him at length, and finding that he merely denied the right of the magistrate to interfere in the matters of conscience, and in the discipline and government of the Church—while he maintained that it is still the duty of the magistrate, to aid and encourage true religion by every competent and lawful means—unanimously agreed, that Mr. Ross held no opinions on these subjects differing from what is understood to be the mind of the Church, or disagreeing with a just and consistent interpretation of the Confession, and resolved to declare their satisfaction with his views. The Moderator then proposed the questions appointed by the Synod, to all of which Mr. Ross returned satisfactory answers. When, after prayer by Mr. Wightman, and an excellent and feeling address to the young candidate from Mr. Esson, he was licensed as a probationer for the Holy ministry, and again commended to God in prayer.

Mr. Nisbet, Student of Divinity, also appeared, and delivered an exegesis and an exercise with additions, which the Presbytery agreed to sustain with approbation, as part of his prescribed probationary trials.

A circular letter from the Agency Committee, referring to the support of the ministry, and to the schemes of the Church generally, was read and considered. The Presbytery deeming the topics referred to in this circular to be of great importa-