

time, an evangelical influence shall preside both in the School and in the Boarding establishment that may be connected with it. And the College Committee, under the authority of the Synod, and by their directions, are endeavouring to find the means of supplying this want. We surely may ask, in their behalf, the prayers of the Church, and we do ask them, and we trust that when the annual call is made for contributions for the support of our collegiate institution, we shall obtain substantial testimony of the increasing interest felt by all our people in these undertakings. We are sure that many christian parents who have read of the institution in Calcutta, under Dr. Duff, for the training of Hindoo youths, have been ready to exclaim "Would that we had such an institution for our own." Now it is the aim of the Committee to have an academy in which the elements of a thorough English and Classical education shall be communicated, and the lessons of the Bible also brought forward in all their paramount importance.

We trust that at the next meeting of the Committee arrangements will be in such progress as to admit of an advertisement as to the time of opening the Academy, and the branches to be taught, and the terms. In the meantime we may be permitted to request parents, and those connected with our church especially, whether in Toronto or in any other part of the Province, who may have children of an age fit for such a school as that we have been describing, not to be hasty in engaging them to other institutions until they shall be informed who is to be our Head Master, and what the general arrangements of the School are to be.

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Besides the business connected with the Academy, the committee had before them an applicant for admission to the Divinity Hall. This was Mr. Thomas Henning, from St. John's congregation, Quebec. Mr. Henning produced testimonials of the amplest kind, from Mr. Clugston, the minister at St. John's and several other gentlemen in Quebec, to whom he had been known as a successful teacher, as well as a Professor in the Belfast College, where he had studied. The committee had reference also to the Minutes of Synod, of 1842, at which period Mr. Henning was recognized as a student. They at the same time examined him in reference to his views on the Christian Ministry and his literary and philosophical attainments, and having been satisfied in these matters they agreed to admit him as a student of Divinity at the opening of the winter session—referring him in the meantime to the instructions and direction of Professor Esion.

WM. RINTOUL, *Concener C. C.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

This Presbytery met in Toronto, on the 7th and 8th ult. Mr. Peter Gray, who had been passed by the College Committee, as having finished his *Academical Curriculum*, and had been admitted as a candidate for license by the Synod, came before the Presbytery for his public trials.—The way in which he acquitted himself in these was of the most satisfactory kind. Mr. Gray has, since the close of his College course, in the beginning of April, been laboriously employed as a Catechist. Yet his trial discourses, which had been prepared since that time, had all the elaborateness of compositions prepared in the most favourable circumstances for study, and were most promising specimens of his ability to expound and apply the Divine word. The Brethren of the Presbytery found it to be a privilege to be called to communion him as a Preacher of that word, and Probationer for the Ministry. He is to be employed as a Missionary in the bounds of the Presbytery of Toronto.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton met according to appointment at Hamilton, on the 8th July, 1846. On an application from Dr. Ferrier, the Rev. A. Gale, and Mr. Robert Ewen, Elder, were appointed his Assessors to examine and ordain, if they shall see fit, the persons elected in the congregations at Caledonia and the sixth Concession of Ancaster, as Elders and Deacons; and also for the purpose of formally organizing the Congregations in those places, at such time as may be most convenient to the parties concerned.

The Presbytery having heard the report of the Convener of the Committee on the Book and Tract Association for the use of Sabbath Schools, recommended the formation of such an association at Hamilton; and, provided the constitution, regulation and management of it be, and continue to be, such as the Presbytery can approve of, they will give it all the sanction, countenance and encouragement in their power.

It was resolved that the case of Mr. David McKenzie be taken up for final decision at the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, and thus to be intimated to Mr. McKenzie.

An application from the Rev. Mr. Cairncross, a minister in connection with the Original Seceders, to be received as a minister of this church, accompanied by other relative documents, was given in and read,—whereupon the Presbytery resolved to appoint a special meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton to be held at Galt, on the call of the Clerk, for the purpose of examining Mr. Cairncross, and proceeding in his case in terms of the act of Synod in regard to the admission of Ministers from other churches.

The following scheme of Missionary Districts was drawn up and agreed to:—

- 1st. Dunnville, Walpole and Oneida,—under the superintendence of Dr. Ferrier.
- 2nd. Wellington Square, Nelson, Waterdown, and West Flamborough—8th Concession—Mr. Starke.
- 3rd. Port Dover, Simcoe and Victoria—Mr. Gale.
- 4th. Woolwich, Guelph, and Queen's Bush—Mr. Hayne.
- 5th. Owen's Sound—Mr. Smellie.
- 6th. Wilmot and Bleachem—Mr. Meldrum.
- 7th. Woodstock, Ingersoll, and St. Andrew—Mr. Lindsay.
- 8th. London, Williams, Eckfrid, and Moss—Mr. McKenzie.
- 9th. Alborough, Danwich, Oxford, Howard, Harwich, and Tilbury—Mr. McKinnon.
- 10th. Niagara and Wellandport—Mr. Chayne.
- 11th. Mitchell—Mr. Graham.
- 12th. Settlements to the north-west of Zorra—Mr. Allan.

A petition was given in from Ingersoll, read and received, and Mr. Lindsay of Ayr was appointed to visit that place so soon as possible, and take such steps towards organizing the congregation there as he may deem most suitable.

Mr. Gale and Dr. Ferrier were appointed to visit Walpole, and, in conformity with a memorial from that place, to examine and ordain Elders, and also to take steps for the dispensation of the Lord's Supper, if they shall consider it to be expedient to do so,—the time to be left to the private arrangement of the parties concerned.

Messrs. Stark, Gale, Hayne, Chayne, and Ferrier, Ministers, and Mr. Robert Ewen, Elder, were appointed to attend the meeting of Commission at Toronto, on Wednesday, the 7th October next.

Mr. McCauly, Probationer, applied for a Presbyterial certificate with the purpose of visiting the United States, which was granted.

The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to take place at Hamilton on the second Wednesday of October, being the 14th day of that month.

The Presbytery was then closed with prayer.

(Signed) GEO. CHEYNE,
Moderator pro tem.
M. Y. STARK,
Presbytery Clerk.

N. B.—The Clerk has to request that such session records as have not yet been given in may be brought forward in October, and that the reports of those Committees who have not yet rendered reports on the records committed to them may be prepared and had in readiness for that meeting.

PRESBYTERY OF COBURG.

ORDINATION.—The Presbytery of Cobourg met at Peterburg, on Tuesday, the 11th instant. Present: Mr. Thomas Alexander, Moderator; Messrs James Douglass, John M. Roger, and William Reid, Ministers; and Mr. James Hamilton, Elder. Mr. Robert Wallace, preacher of the Gospel, appeared before the Presbytery, and underwent the usual examinations, with a view to his settlement at Otonabee as pastor of the congregation there. The Presbytery were satisfied with his trial discourses, and with his answers to the various questions proposed to him, and appointed his ordination to take place at Otonabee on the following day.

Accordingly, the Presbytery met at Otonabee on Wednesday the 14th. Public intimation having been given of the intention of the Presbytery to ordain Mr. Wallace, if no objections were offered, and none having come forward to object, Mr. Alexander proceeded to the pulpit and commenced public worship. After a suitable sermon, from 21 Corinthians ii. 16, last clause, the usual questions were put to Mr. Wallace, and answered in a satisfactory way, and Mr. Wallace was then solemnly set apart for the work of the Ministry by prayer and the laying on of hands. Afterwards, Mr. Reid delivered a brief address to the newly-ordained Minister, and Mr. Roger concluded with an address to the congregation. Notwithstanding the busy season of the year, the congregation was large, and all listened with much attention to the services of the day. This congregation has been long placed in unfavourable circumstances, but there is every reason to hope that the labours of a devoted and persevering Minister like Mr. Wallace will be, through the divine blessing, productive of much good.

Home Missions.

STATEMENT OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA.

The limits of the Montreal Presbytery, in connection with the newly formed Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, embrace the whole of Canada East, and the populous section of the Western Province, comprising the Districts of Glengarry and Vaudreuil. Over this immense tract of country, 520 miles in length, with a population, in Lower Canada alone, of upwards of 700,000 inhabitants (of whom, according to the census of 1843, 31,361 are computed to be Presbyterians), there are but six ordained and settled ministers, in connection with the Protestant Synod. They are as follows:—

Rev. JOHN CLUGSTON,	<i>Quebec.</i>
Rev. J. C. FRASER,	<i>Port Neuf.</i>
Rev. WM. LOUISIAN,	<i>St Gabriel st. Church, Montreal.</i>
Rev. DAVID BLACK,	<i>St. Therese.</i>
Rev. THOMAS HENRY,	<i>Lachine.</i>
Rev. DANIEL CLARK,	<i>Indian Lands.</i>

The distance between the respective spheres of labor of the several members of the Presbytery, and the, in many instances, isolated situation of the Presbyterian settlers, who demand spiritual oversight at their hands, renders the call for the aid of properly qualified missionaries most urgent; whilst, at the same time, the very extent of the surface over which their services must be distributed, renders it all the more necessary that the supply of missionary labors should be liberal.

In presenting then the following brief statement in reference to the destitute missionary stations of this Presbytery, this committee would respectfully state that the information now communicated although in every particular substantially correct, is by no means so full as could be wished.

Owing to the distance of many of the stations from the seat of Presbytery, and chiefly from the want of missionaries to visit these stations in person, the committee have had to depend on correspondence and other sources necessarily less authentic, for the requisite information on this subject; but they trust that the report, incomplete as it necessarily is, may be of some service in drawing attention to this portion of the vineyard, and