

as they may see cause, and report at next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Lammie is a native of Ireland, of Scotch extraction. He came to the country with his family, when very young, and seems to have exercised for many years a decided preference for the Presbyterian Church. He has been minister for so long a time past, that a congregation in Tristram, principally composed of Presbyterians. The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton is to be held at Hamilton on the second Wednesday of January, the Rev. Mr. Smellie, of Fergus, to preach on the occasion.—The Rev. Alexander Gale, of Hamilton, is Moderator, and the Rev. M. Y. Stark, of Dundee, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO—This Presbytery met, according to the appointment of the act of Synod, at Toronto, on the 29th instant. The Rev. W. Rintoul, of Streetsville, Moderator, and the Rev. James Harris, of Toronto, Clerk. No business of great interest occurred—the Presbytery having agreed to postpone their Missionary arrangements until the report of the Synod's Home Mission Committee should be received. Mr. W. Stark was received as a probationer under the care of the Presbytery, and the Rev. Mr. Cathbertson, as a minister without charge. The Rev. Mr. Howden, a minister of the Associate Reformed Church, who had previously laboured for some time at York Mills, applied for admission, producing a Presbyterial certificate. After conferring with Mr. Howden, the Presbytery agreed to refer his application to the Commission in terms of the act of Synod, and to issue the circular letters to Presbyteries as required by that act. The Presbytery meets again on the 29th December, at Toronto, when it is expected the large addition to the church will have been completed, so that it may be opened, and the formal union of the two congregations consummated.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

CANADA.

The Presbyterians of Oakville, and the Sixteen Mile Creek, have declared their adherence to the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Messrs George Chisholm, Robert Young, and John Urquhart, have been appointed to obtain contributions to the Home Mission Fund of the Church at the former station, and Messrs. Robertson, Proudfoot, and Bartley, at the latter. The congregation of Port Sarnia have also declared their adherence to the Presbyterian Church by passing the following resolutions:—

"1. A meeting of the Presbyterian Congregation in Port Sarnia was held on the 19th September, 1844.—James Colman, Esq., in the chair, when the following resolutions were proposed, and unanimously adopted,—Mr. J. Robson, Elder, accepted:—

"Resolved 1.—That this congregation having heard with satisfaction the statement made by the Rev. Wm. Macalister in explanation of his having withdrawn from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in connexion with the Church of Scotland, and having connected himself with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, desire to express their concurrence in his views, and approbation of his conduct.

"2. That this congregation embrace this opportunity of lifting up their voice against the conduct of the Established Church of Scotland, in willingly submitting to the interference of the State within the jurisdiction of the Church Courts and of expressing their admiration of the Free Church in giving up all their endowments from the State rather than countenance such an unlawful intrusion on the privileges of the Church.

"3. That this congregation are unwilling to remain in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland or the Synod which adheres to it in this country, and therefore declare themselves a

congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and desire still to remain under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Macalister."

The congregations of South Gower and Oxford, of Ram-ry and Carleton-place, in the eastern part of the Province, have followed the same course,—as also the congregation at Acton in Esquesing, respecting which we gave the following:—

"A meeting of the Presbyterian congregation of Acton, in Esquesing, was held in the School-house there, on Saturday the 5th inst., in order to ascertain fully the minds of the members relative to the late disruption which has taken place in the Synod of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland as at present established. Mr. James McDonald, Elder, was called to the chair, and Mr. James Le-appointed Secretary. And an explanation having been given of the causes that produced the disruption, and the great principles contended for by the Protesters, the following resolutions were submitted to the meeting, and adopted unanimously:—

"1. That this meeting approve of the course pursued by the minority of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, at the late meeting of Synod in Kingston, believing that principles were involved in the matter in controversy, the faithful maintenance of which is vitally important to the Christian Church.

"2. That we entertain toward the church of our fathers feelings of deep veneration and respect, and although now she is disowned by the State, and frowned upon by a lordly aristocracy, yet we recognize in the Free Protestant Church of Scotland a scriptural and a reformed Church, which God has signally owned and blessed.

"3. That in the opinion of this meeting, it is desirable, that the bonds of union be drawn as closely between the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the Free Protestant Church of Scotland, as is compatible with their circumstances as independent churches.

"4. That we hereby declare our cordial approval of and firm adherence to the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and that the Chairman of this meeting be requested to lay these resolutions before the meeting at its approaching meeting, with a request that we may be recognized as a congregation in connexion with it; and also respectfully to solicit such supply of sermon, as may be consistent with the arrangements of Synod for the supply of destitute congregations.

The congregation of West Gwillambury, both Scotch and Irish, have, with scarcely a dissenting voice, also declared their adherence to the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Missionary Intelligence.

INDIA.

The Irish Presbyterian Church has five ordained missionaries at present labouring in the province of Katakwar, in Western India. They occupy three stations,—Rajkot, in the centre of the province; Porbandar, on the western coast; and Gogo, on the south-eastern. The missionaries have diligently applied themselves to the study of the native languages,—established several schools, both vernacular and English, and extensively preached the Gospel in the towns and villages of the province. An influential Mussulman, distinguished for his literary attainments, has lately, through their instrumentality, embraced Christianity; and the members of his family seem inclined to follow his example. Several other natives have shown a disposition to inquire into the claims of our holy faith. The missionaries have hitherto been much hindered and distressed in their work for want of proper residences for their families, and accommodation for their schools; but their necessities in this respect having been particularly brought before the General Assem-

bly, which lately met at Derry, the Rev. Dr. Wilson of Bombay, and the Rev. James Morgan of Belfast, were commissioned to make an effort to raise the sum of £1500 for the erection of buildings. With this object in view, they have visited the most important towns in the north of Ireland, and also the capital; and the call which they have addressed to the friends of the missionary cause, has met with a liberal response. There is reason to believe, that in a few days the whole sum required will be provided. At a large meeting, held in Belfast on Thursday week, the following resolutions were adopted:—On the motion of Professor Wilson, seconded by the Rev. R. Knox,—That we cannot permit Dr. Wilson to take leave of our shores without recording our grateful sense of the obligations under which this meeting, in common with the entire Presbyterian Church in Ireland, feel themselves placed, by his invaluable counsels and kindness to our beloved sisters in India, and by the efficient assistance which he has so generously rendered to the object of our foreign mission, on the occasion of his too brief visit among us; and we esteem it a high privilege to have listened this evening to the profound and instructive address of a missionary whose distinguished position, attainments, and usefulness, have long identified him with the extension of the empire of Christianity." On the motion of the Rev. George Bellis, seconded by Thomas Sinclair, Esq.—"That this meeting respectfully requests the ministers of the Assembly in this town to bring before their congregations on next Lord's day, the present state of the foreign mission, and to impress on them the duty of aiding the present effort to raise funds for building places of worship, suitable residences, and school-houses for the missionaries in Katiawar." The ministers of Belfast have paid all due respect to the last resolution; and their people have cheerfully responded to the call which has been addressed to them. One lady contributed a hundred pounds as the commencement of the subscription, adding twenty pounds for Dr. Wilson, to be applied by him to his own mission.

THE GLASGOW MISSION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

LOVEDALE.

Suppose one arriving at Cape Town, Southern Africa, on his way to Lovedale, in Kaffirland, he might either proceed up through the colony or coastwise. In the latter way, the land runs eastward and somewhat northward for about 400 miles. Coasting vessels are constantly plying along these shores between Cape Town and Port Elizabeth in Algoa Bay; and there was at least a steamer on this coast. On arriving at Port Elizabeth, there is a land journey of nearly eighty miles to Grahamstown, the capital of the eastern province. And from this there is a farther journey of about sixty miles to Lovedale. This latter journey crosses the boundary line, and thus leaves Lovedale fairly within the native territory."

"The resident missionary now at this station is the Rev. James Laing, and his native assistant is Robert Balfour. Robert was one of those first baptized by the Glasgow Missionaries, and was named after the late Dr. Balfour of Glasgow. He is a person of some standing among his countrymen, and of considerable intelligence. He was mainly useful to Mr. Bennie, when at this station, in correcting the Kafir idiom of works translated into that language, and the undersigned has in his possession a kind of genealogical history of the Kafir tribes, dictated by him, and written out in English by Mr. Bennie. We give the following extract of a letter also dictated by him some years ago, and translated almost word for word by Mr. Bennie, as a specimen of his style of thinking, and of the idiom of the language:—"Ye were saying that ye were with the hope that I shall be strengthened to go among my countrymen. I am going among them, although I am often without the hope that they feel the word of God. The hardness of