

appointed by Presbyteries to officiate in the same locality *not less than two Sabbaths*; that during the intervening week, they shall be expected to officiate ministerially, on two or three days, that one Probationer begin his visitations where the former one terminated his; that the Elders or Managers keep in view the arrangements; and that in all cases the Minister or Preacher respect the arrangement, and abide by it.

3. This Synod resolve and ordain that no Minister or Preacher be allowed to decline the appointments he has on hand from the Committee of Distribution at the time of his accepting a call, and that no Presbytery proceed to the settlement of such Minister or Preacher till said appointments have been fulfilled; and farther, that the Committee of Distribution be instructed not to extend their appointments beyond a period of three months.

4. That although Preachers are urgently required to supply vacant congregations and stations, yet it is reasonable and proper that they be allowed at least two Sabbaths each, every year, to be at their own disposal, for the purpose of embracing opportunities of observing the Lord's Supper in congregations within their reach. It is left with the Preachers themselves and with the Presbyteries, to fix those Sabbaths when the several Preachers might be left unemployed, with a view to the object contemplated.

5. That Preachers be enjoined to attend the meetings of Presbyteries, in whose bounds they may happen to be, so far as practicable; and that the Presbyteries take opportunities of conversing with them, for the purpose of receiving information, and giving advice and direction; and that Presbyteries be also enjoined to enforce the laws of the Synod respecting the duties of Preachers; and that Preachers be exhorted to a diligent and conscientious discharge of all the services expected of them.

JAMES DICK, *Convener of Distribution Committee.*

PAKENHAM.

The U. P. Presbytery of Lanark met here on Wednesday, August 13th, for the ordination of Mr. Thos. Watson, Preacher, as Pastor of the U. P. Congregation of Pakenham and Arnprior. The Presbytery having been constituted, and certain customary forms observed, Mr. Aitken preached from 1st Cor. i. 21. Mr. Henderson, who presided on the occasion, then narrated the steps which had previously been taken with a view to Mr. Watson's settlement, proposed to him the usual questions, and offered up the ordination prayer; after which he proceeded to address suitable exhortations to the newly-ordained minister and the people of his charge, in introducing which, he took occasion to vindicate the Scriptural authority of the Presbyterian form of Church government, especially in opposition to the unfounded pretensions of Prelatic Episcopacy. The Rev. Messrs. Wardrope and Smith, of the Free Church, and Hobbes, Wesleyan, were present at the services, and joined with the Presbytery in the act of ordination. Mr. Watson was introduced to his charge on the morning of the ensuing Sabbath by Mr. Aitken, and began his labours as a settled Pastor, by a sermon in the evening from Heb. ii. 18. We trust that he may be long spared successfully to prosecute the

good work on which he has thus entered, and to which he brings qualifications of the highest order.—*Com.*

The collection for Mr. Lowden's widow and family in the congregation of Smith's Falls amounted to £4. 5s.—*Com.*

COLLECTION FOR THE THEOLOGICAL FUND.

We beg to remind Ministers, Sessions, and Congregations that, by the appointment of Synod, the annual collection for the *Theological Education Fund* falls to be made this month (October). From the statistics of 1855, it appears that out of 93 organized congregations and 40 stations, only 36 are reported as having contributed to this Fund last year. Should not every congregation do its part? Were this done, the sum required annually for this Fund (rather over £200) would be easily raised. Let our people have an opportunity of performing this Christian duty—of enjoying this Christian privilege.

We would also suggest that the collections be transmitted to the *Treasurer*, Robert Christie, Esq., Rosebank P.O., as soon after they are made as possible. All money received for the funds of the Church by the Treasurer, will be acknowledged in the number of the *Magazine* next following.—*Com. Com.*