

tending beyond the first Sabbath of October, leaving it for the Committee to arrange the whole matter at their semi-annual meeting. The following interim appointments are made, which, it is hoped, will be found convenient for all parties concerned.

Presbyteries and Probationers are again respectfully reminded of the Resolution of last Synod as to the inexpediency of making or allowing private arrangements between vacancies and Probationers whose names should be on the roll, to the manifest prejudice of those who are seeking to carry out regularly the declared wish of the Church.

Mr. Bates to the Presbytery of Stratford—for Sept., and 1st Sab. of Oct.

" Bauld,	do.	Ottawa,	do.	do.
" Dawson,	do.	Ontario,	do.	do.
" McLennan,	do.	Montreal,	do.	do.
" Milligan,	do.	London,	—last Sab. of Sept., and 1st. [Sab. of Oct.	
" Meikle,	do.	Paris,	1st and 2nd Sab's. of Sept.	
" "	do.	London,	3rd, 4th, and 5th Sab's. of Sep. [and 1st Sab. of Oct.	
" W. Scott,	do.	Ottawa,	1, 2, 3, and 4. Sab's. of Sep.	
" "	do.	Brockville	5th Sab. Sep. and 1st Sab. Oct.	
" W. Wright,	do.	Grey,	for Sep. and 1st. Sab. of Oct.	

J. LAING, *Convener.*

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Amongst the various matters which came under the notice of the Synod at its recent meeting, there was one, which, though it did not occupy much prominence in the way of discussion, is yet of the greatest importance as regards the comfort and welfare of our ministers, and therefore as regards the interests, the efficiency, and the extension of our church. It is not a subject which in itself required discussion in our church courts for the purpose of enlightenment and conviction, inasmuch as regarding it, there are not two opinions in the minds of intelligent people. It is rather a subject for prompt, judicious, kindly, yet decided action. And we have the utmost confidence, that the attention of our congregations has only to be called to it on the ground of Christian privilege and duty, in order that steps may be taken with all readiness and cordiality, to effect an improvement in the existing state of matters.

The subject to which we refer is the matter of ministerial support, the provision that is made for the maintenance of the ministers of our church.

We do not consider it necessary to argue the question as to the claims of the Christian ministry upon the people of God for its sufficient maintenance. This is a question which admits of no doubt amongst those who receive and reverence the Scriptures as the Word of God. "The labourer," says our Lord Himself, is worthy of his hire." "Let him that is taught in the word, communicate to him that teacheth in all good things." "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man, or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses. Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? or saith He it altogether for our sakes? For our sake, no doubt this is written, that he that ploweth should plow in hope, and he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing, if we shall