

Indiana £4 17s. 6d., Oneida £7 2s. 6d., Flamboro' and Dundas £26 5s. 7½d., Elora £16, Guelph £64 0s. 8d., Esquesing £35 5s., Newcastle £11 5s., Beverly £5 13s., Blandford £6 5s. Two contributions also were received from individuals. It may be proper to say that the last two Congregations in the above list contributed spontaneously, without being visited. It is hoped that some Congregations, which it may not be practicable to visit this summer, will, in like manner, show themselves forward to so good a work.

U. P. PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

This Presbytery met in Toronto on the 4th June. A unanimous call from the congregation of Chatham to Rev. Mr. Walker was sustained. A letter from him was read intimating his acceptance of the call: and his induction was appointed, Rev. Mr. Inglis to preach, Rev. Mr. Barr to induct and address the minister, Rev. Mr. Waddell to address the people. Rev. Mr. Ross reported his labours since last meeting of Presbytery, and thus, with mutual regret, terminated his services for them. Mr. Wm. Fletcher, student, was received under the inspection of the Presbytery by transference from the Presbytery of Toronto. Petitioners in Windsor requested to be received as a congregation into our church. Rev. Mr. Barr was appointed to make necessary inquiries and examinations, and to report the names of persons admissible, at next meeting of Presbytery in London, on 1st July. The part of the Downie congregation in Fullarton were erected into the congregation of Fullarton, and still to remain a part of the same charge. Petitions for a Moderation were granted them, and Messrs. Caven and Fotheringham appointed to moderate. They promise £125 as minister's stipend to begin with.—*Com.*

NEW SCHOOL ASSEMBLY.—SLAVERY.—DISRUPTION.

This Assembly met at Cleveland on the 21st May—the Rev. Dr. Fisher Moderator. On the 25th May the Committee on Bills and Overtures, to whom a number of Memorials on Slavery had been referred, reported as follows:—

“Twenty-seven memorials have been presented to the Assembly in regard to Slavery. Of these eleven are from Ohio, four from Illinois, three from Indiana, two from Michigan, three from New York, and one each from Iowa, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Mississippi. These memorials show that a strong feeling exists in the Church that the Assembly should express its views fully. The opinions of the Presbyterian Church are on record, and the Assembly has repeatedly re-affirmed them. But an impression prevails that of late, different opinions are held, and defended, by Ministers and Ecclesiastical bodies in our connection. It is reported, that it is taught in certain localities, that Slavery, as a relation, stands on the same basis as husband and wife, and parent and child; that it is right, Scriptural, and benevolent in its operations, and ought to be perpetuated. Of these views and teachings, the Assembly declares its utter condemnation. At the same time the Assembly recognises the fact that there is in the Southern Church a different class of opinions: that many there regard Slavery as an evil, and desire and expect that it will gradually be abolished by the influence of the Gospel. In regard to this second class, the Assembly has no feelings to express but those of confidence and sympathy.”

The Report was printed; and after a lengthened and animated, yet temperate and courteous, discussion, a paper of considerable length, of which we subjoin the substance, was, on the 3rd of June, adopted by a vote of one hundred and sixty-six to twenty-six, the latter belonging to the South:—

“The General Assembly, in view of the memorial before them, and of the present relations of the Church to the subject of Slavery, feel called upon to make the following exposition of principle and duty:—

“We consider the holding and treating of human beings as property, according to the spirit and design of the slave laws in the Southern States of our country, as clearly involving the sin of oppression.

“The elements and ordinary developments of this sin are such as the following:

“1. The withholding from man, without unavoidable necessity, of the natural