

render the holder of them entirely and absolutely inadmissible as a Preacher or Minister in this Church, begs very decidedly to enter its protest against his admission, unless it be made clear to the London Presbytery that Mr. Shand has made himself greatly misunderstood, and is wholly free in this matter. The Clerk was instructed to transmit forthwith this Resolution for the guidance of their brethren in the London Presbytery.

A communication from the Convener of the Self-sustentation Committee was read, calling the attention of Presbytery to the Resolutions of Synod, enjoining the organization of Missionary Societies in the various Congregations, and requesting to be informed how far Congregations within the bounds of Presbytery had complied with said Resolutions. At the same time suggesting the propriety of Presbyteries making enquiry whether the annual collections ordered by Synod have been made in all the Congregations. After a lengthened conversation, the Clerk was instructed to furnish the required information:

A communication was then read from the Clerk of Flamboro' Presbytery, notifying the admission of the Rev. James Howie, by various testimonials from the Parent Church in Scotland. It was unanimously agreed to concur with this admission. A report of Mr. Howie's labours within the bounds of Presbytery was then read and approved. The abundance of labour evidenced in this report was the subject of gratifying remark. No less than eight public services in one week. This promises well for Mr. Howie's efficiency and success in our Canadian field.

A petition was laid on the table of Presbytery signed by 33 heads of families residing in the Townships of Howick and Minto, requesting the continuation of Sermon, at the same time expressing their gratitude for the supply already given to relieve their spiritual destitution. Agreed to grant the prayer of their petition, and instructed the Clerk in communicating this compliance with their request, to remind the petitioners of the desirableness of their meeting together on the Sabbath for mutual prayer and edification on such days as they are deprived of the services of Preachers; and also the duty of contributing for the support of Gospel ordinances, "according as God hath prospered them." Appointed next meeting of Presbytery to be held at Brucefield, on the first Tuesday in July, at 11 o'clock, A. M.—*Communicated.*

U. P. PRESBYTERY OF WELLINGTON.

This Presbytery met in Guelph on the 5th of April, Mr. James reported that he had gone to Esquesing and preached to the congregation there vacant on the last sabbath of February, and given such instructions and suggestions as he thought suitable in the circumstances. The Clerk reported that he had furnished Mr. Caldwell with a certificate of ministerial character and standing. A letter was read from Mr. Proudfoot intimating that the Presbytery of London had received Mr. Shand to probation, and one from Mr. Porteous to the effect that Mr. Howie having laid before the Presbytery of Flamborough, certificates of license, and character had been received. Mr. Robert Hume, fourth year student of Divinity was then heard and examined on the following subjects assigned him as trials for license, viz: "Thesis on the Divine Personality of the Holy Ghost," a popular sermon on the text, "Look unto me and be ye saved all the ends of

the earth," a lecture on Matthew xxv. 14-30, an exercise with additions on 1st Peter iii, 18 22, on the Book of Hosea in Hebrew, and the corresponding portion of the Septuagint in Greek, for Church History from the eleventh to the fifteenth centuries, and on Dick's Lectures on Theology from the fifty-fourth to the seventy-fifth. Each part of the exercises having been sustained separately the whole was, on a regular vote, unanimously sustained. The Presbytery after the transaction of some other business, agreed to meet again on the 19th of April and license Mr. Hume. On that day, accordingly, they met, and after answering satisfactorily the questions of the Formula, prayer was engaged in by the Moderator, in the course of which Mr. Hume was licensed and authorized to preach the gospel of Christ, as a Probationer in the United Presbyterian Church, and the Clerk of Presbytery was instructed to furnish him with a certificate of license.—*Com.*