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THE PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE REPORT.

That there is one station, and that self-sustaining, within the bounds. That during the year there has been one demission, that one ordained missionary is labouring within the bounds, and that the sum of sixty dollars has been raised for Home Mission purposes during the year.

THE PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA REPORT,

Three vacancies and two Mission Stations within their bounds. During the winter this Presbytery had only the services of one missionary. They further report one demission during the year on the ground of ill-health.

THE PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL REPORT,

1. That there are nine stations within the bounds.

2. That of them six are self-sustaining.

3. That the remaining three would require aid to the amount of four hundred dollars per annum, for a time.

4. That the sum of nine hundred and seventeen dollars has been received within the bounds, irrespective of the amounts contributed by the stations themselves.

5. The Irish Assembly has offered fifty pounds sterling for three years, to aid one missionary within the bounds. It thus appears that under the care of the Synod there are 55 organized stations, besides a goodly number of others in a new and unorganized state. That there are only some 25 missionaries at the disposal of the Synod to work these stations, and

6. That the sum of \$4,311 68 is reported to your Committee as paid during the year in support of the Mission.

The Committee have much gratification in reporting that the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, have granted the sum of one hundred pounds sterling, for Home Mission purposes, to be applied as this Synod may direct.

In closing their report, and along with it their trust (this Committee ceasing to exist on the consummation of the union), they would congratulate the Synod on the great success which, under the good hand of God, has attended all their operations in each section of the Province, but especially in Western Canada, since the organization of our Church; and would earnestly hope that past success may prove an incentive to future and more vigorous action, while the union of the two Churches so auspiciously consummated, may afford greater and more effective means for enlarged and vigorous action. It is hoped that under a central Board of Domestic Missions, should the Synod adopt such a measure, the united Church will be enabled to enter upon a wide course of aggression, and to prosecute in the name of Christ with unfaltering constancy of purpose, until she shall have planted the Banner of our Presbyterian faith in every settlement of the British possessions on this vast continent.

British Columbia and Vancouver's Island will doubtless be brought under the notice of the Synod in the report of the Foreign Mission Committee, and should it seem good to our Church at once to enter upon

and occupy these regions already entered by the Irish Assembly, and it is hoped ere long to be further undertaken by the Free Church of Scotland, our Zion, if true to herself and her living Head, may with confidence and hope anticipate the time when this land shall become Emanuel's land.

Respectfully submitted.

R. IRVINE, Convener.

Proceedings of Presbyteries, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

The Presbytery of Paris in connection with the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, held its first ordinary meeting at Paris on Tuesday the 2nd day of July, as previously appointed by the Synod. There was a full attendance of both Ministers and Elders—the sederunt consisting of fourteen Ministers and twelve Elders.

The Rev. David Caw, as appointed by the Synod, took the Chair, and Mr. Gillespie was appointed Clerk *pro tempore*. The Moderator having read the remit from Synod, appointing the time and place of the meeting, constituted the Presbytery by praise, the reading of the Word, and prayer, and thereafter delivered an address suitable to the occasion.

The business before the Presbytery was principally of a routine character, and therefore does not possess much interest for the public.

The first business was the arranging of the roll and choosing a Moderator. It was agreed that the names of members should be put upon the roll in the order of ordination, and that the Moderator should be chosen for six months in the order of seniority of ordination; and the Rev. Joseph Young, of Branford, being the oldest member of Presbytery, was accordingly chosen Moderator for the ensuing six months, but as he was not present, Mr. Caw was requested to continue in the chair *pro tem*.

The next business was the appointment of a permanent Clerk to the Presbytery, when Mr. Gillespie was chosen and appointed to that office.

Messrs. Dunbar, (Convener) Inglis and M'Ruer, were appointed a Home Mission Committee for the Presbytery, to look after the interests of vacant congregations and stations within the bounds, and to report to each ordinary meeting of the Presbytery—and the distribution of Preachers, who are or may be within the bounds, was committed to them till next ordinary meeting.

Mr. M'Mullen laid on the table a petition from the Trustees of the manse lately purchased by the Congregation of Knox's Church, Woodstock, praying the sanction of the Presbytery to enable them to give a mortgage upon the property to secure the payment of part of its purchase money, and the Presbytery granted the sanction as prayed.

Mr. George Irving was then taken upon trials for ordination, and delivered the various exercises formerly prescribed by the U. P. Presbytery of Flamboro' to the entire satisfaction of the Presbytery; and having examined him on the various subjects prescribed, they sustained his trials as a whole and resolved to proceed with his ordination,

which they appointed to take place at noon on the 17th day of this present month.

Having disposed of various small items of business, the Presbytery adjourned to meet at noon on the 17th current for the ordination of Mr. Irving, and also to hold its next ordinary meeting at Woodstock on the first Tuesday of September next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

J. GILLESPIE, Prov. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

The Presbytery of Paris met at Ayr on the 17th inst., for the ordination of Mr. George Irving over the Church and congregation of Stanley St., Ayr, formerly known as the congregation of West Dumfries. Notwithstanding the busy season, the people turned out in large numbers, and the large church was filled by a most respectable congregation; several persons from the neighbouring congregations of Knox's Church, Ayr, as well as from Paris and Blenheim, being present to witness the first ordination of a Presbyterian Minister which had taken place in Ayr or its vicinity.

The solemn services were commenced with a suitable discourse by the Rev. W. Donald of Norwichville. The Rev David Caw of Paris, after a brief narrative of the steps which had been taken to fill up the vacancy, put the usual questions to Mr Irving, and having received satisfactory answers thereto, set him apart to the office of the Holy Ministry by prayer and the "laying on of the hands of the Presbytery." Mr. McKuer of Knox's Church, Ayr, afterwards delivered a suitable address to the people. The whole services were of a high order, and fitted to make a deep impression upon the minds of the large congregation.

The congregation of Stanley St., on the conclusion of the services of the day, entertained, with their usual hospitality, the Presbytery and a large number of friends to dinner at the Wellington Hotel. Mr. Irving is, in the good Providence of God, called to enter upon a most important field of labour, and with the most encouraging prospects of success.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

The Presbytery of Huron met in Willis' Church, Clinton, according to appointment of Synod, on Tuesday the 2nd day of July, 1861.

The Moderator, the Rev. Wm. Graham, opened the meeting with a very able discourse from 1st John, 1, 2. There were a goodly number of the congregation present. The sermon being finished, an extract from Minutes of Synod, was read, which contained the appointment of this meeting of Presbytery by the Synod, at its meeting in Montreal, also defined the boundaries, and contained a list of the Members of the Presbytery.