

drifts of snow, rendering travel almost impracticable. The deputation therefore, feeling that it was hopeless to attempt reaching both places, reluctantly gave up Dalhousie, and set out for Middleville, where the meeting was to take place in the evening. With considerable difficulty they reached it: but such was the state of the roads about Middleville, that none of the people turned out in the evening.

The deputation made several endeavours to hire a team to take them through next day, to Almonte, for the meeting there in the evening. But the offer of a sum nearly double of what on ordinary occasions would be considered reasonable hire for the journey, failed to induce any of those applied to, to expose their horses, in the state in which the roads were that day.

A large meeting, we afterwards understood assembled that evening, in the Church at Almonte. The disappointment of Mr. Gordon and his people, at the non-arrival of the deputation was very great, the storm, apparently having been not so severe in that locality, as about Middleville.

Mr. Gordon made the best of the awkward and very unpleasant circumstances in which he felt himself and his people placed. He delivered a very excellent address to them himself; and Mr. John Scott, Station Master, who was present, also kindly consented to address the meeting, which he did in his usually happy and effective manner.

The meetings of the Southern section of the Presbytery commenced at Smith's Falls, on the evening of the 18th. The deputation of Presbytery appointed to attend these meetings consisted of Messrs. Wilson, McLean, Gordon, and Bain. Mr. Gordon's absence on the Lumber Mission, prevented him of course from fulfilling this duty.

The meeting at Smith's Falls was as usual a large and enthusiastic one. The Town Hall in which it was held, was crowded. The collection taken up at its close amounted to upwards of \$73. In addition to the members of the deputation, Mr. McGillivray of Brockville, and Messrs. Caldwell and McGregor, of the Baptiste Church addressed the meeting. The choir, by their excellent services, vocal and instrumental, contributed very much to the interest and success of the meeting.

On the following day, the deputation accompanied by Mr. Mylne, held meetings in Beckwith and at Carleton Place. The attendance at these meetings was not so large as we have seen, but those present manifested a lively interest in the object of the meetings.

This series of meetings closed with the one at Brockville on Friday evening. The Church was well filled with an intelligent and apparently much interested audience. The collection amounted to \$30, and received on the following day a supplement of \$5 from a member of the Church, who was prevented from being present by illness in the family. The spirit manifested by the meeting was creditable to them, and well fitted to encourage their pastor. The singing, by the ordinary choir of the congregation, was exceedingly appropriate and good.

When all the collections taken up at these meetings in behalf of the Home Mission Fund,

are received, the Presbytery it is believed, will feel itself to be in a good position, with the aid expected from the Colonial Committee, for prosecuting its important Missionary operations during the coming summer. We feel that apart from the sums raised at these meetings for Missionary purposes, the meetings are of great benefit to the several congregations, serving to deepen their interest, not merely in Missionary matters, but on behalf of the interests of the Church generally.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—This Presbytery held the regular meeting in St. Andrew's Church on January 12th. There were present the Revds. D. M. Gordon, Moderator, William Canning, James B. Mullan, William Cleland, and William Anderson, clerk, ministers. The meeting having been constituted, the minutes of previous meetings read and sustained.

The clerk reported that in obedience to instructions given at the previous meeting he had visited the Mission station at Clarence. Owing to the promiscuous character of the congregation which attended the service held by him, he considered it would be unwise to make in the meantime a public appeal in aid of the mission funds of the Presbytery; but that, after a private conference with a few friends of our Church, he had received \$20 which he handed over to the Catechist who had been labouring in that district during the past summer. This Station appeared to him a very hopeful one, and with proper attention would doubtless become an important out-post in connection with Cumberland, in the event of that Church being separated from Buckingham, which the inconvenience and, at times, danger of crossing the Ottawa, rendered very desirable. In the absence of a missionary he stated that, at the earnest desire of the people at Clarence, he had consented to conduct a fortnightly service there, during the winter, should his other duties not interfere therewith.

He also reported that he had been requested by a few persons, strongly attached to our Church, to conduct an occasional service at Bearbrook, where he believed there was sufficient material to form another important station, and which from its situation would naturally become connected with the Cumberland Church. But inasmuch as these stations were so distant from Buckingham, where the minister of Buckingham and Cumberland now resides, the Presbytery considered it impossible for him to give these stations the attention they deserved and in view of these stations, as well as others equally important, looking to them for religious ordinances agreed to engage the services of a missionary or a Catechist during the ensuing summer, provided a suitable one could be secured.

After the transaction of other business the clerk reported that he had forwarded the call from the congregation of Chelsea, which had been duly moderated in favor of Mr. James Fraser, a probationer under the care of the Presbytery of Quebec. That gentleman being present signified his acceptance of the call, and, having laid upon the table an extract Minute of his licence and Presbyterian certificate, was