

throughout our mission field, having been duly approved by the Committee for the reception of Probationers.

In fulfilment of the trust committed to them, your Committee have arranged, so far as it was their province, for the Synodical missionary meeting. Dr. Thornton has been requested to address on "The Aggressive Character of Christianity," and Mr. Donald on "Canada as a Mission Field." But as a Committee appointed for another purpose have arranged for a public missionary meeting on Friday evening, after the Union, your Committee leave it with the Synod to say how the matter should be determined.

Your Committee have got printed one hundred copies of blank forms of Statements to be filled up by Probationers, and have prepared a new form for congregations that apply for supplement to their pastors, better fitted than the previous ones for shewing the extent of their liberality, the degree of improvement, if any, and the conditions which require to be fulfilled in order to be entitled to relief from the Fund.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed),

R. TORRANCE, *Convener*.

#### PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, London, on the 16th and 17th of July, 1861.

There were present twenty ministers (all on the roll save three) and thirteen elders. A considerable portion of the first sederunt was spent in devotional exercises.

Mr. Skinner was chosen Moderator for the current six months; Mr. Walker, Sarnia, Clerk; and Mr. William Clark, London, Treasurer.

A Home Mission Committee was appointed as follows: Messrs. Scott, (Convener) Skinner, McKenzie, Proudfoot, King, Balmer, ministers; and Messrs. Clark, Fraser, Young, and Fleming, elders.

The following members were appointed a Standing Committee for the examination of students: Messrs. Skinner, (Convener) McKenzie, Proudfoot, McMillan, (Fingal), Fraser, Waddell and Scott.

At the request of the Presbytery of Huron, Messrs. McKenzie, Fraser, and Clark, were appointed a deputation to visit the townships of Ashfield, Huron, Kiuloss, Culross, North Bruce, and Wawanash.

After considering a petition from St. Thomas, it was agreed to dissolve the union which has for some time existed between the congregations of St. Thomas and Port Stanley, but in the meantime to grant Port Stanley their usual supply of missionary service in connection with St. Thomas.

There was an application from St. Thomas for the appointment of a minister to moderate in a call there, and Mr. McMillan, Fingal, was appointed to attend to this duty on the 27th August, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Mr. Proudfoot was appointed to moderate in a call at Delaware, and Mr. Balmer to moderate in a call at Windsor some time before next meeting of Presbytery—the appointment of the day, in both these cases, being left to the ministers officiating.

A Committee was appointed to meet with the congregations in Westminster, to advise with them as to the best arrangement of Sabbath services.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. McMillan, (Aldboro'), Walker, (Chatham), and McKinnon, (Mr. Walker, Convener), was appointed to visit and explore, before next meeting of Presbytery, the settlement in the Indian Lands in the township of Oxford.

Mr. William Hay, student, appeared before the Presbytery, and having passed through his probationary trials with satisfaction, was licensed in the usual manner to preach the Gospel.

The attention of Presbytery was called to the continued indisposition of Mr. Dens, when the Home Mission Committee were instructed to make the same provision for his pulpit as for the congregations and stations already on their list.

Arrangements were made for supplying the vacant congregations.

Presbytery agreed to hold a visitation