

Presbytery having received them, they were sustained, but requested him at his earliest opportunity to attend to this duty.

Documents were presented—

A letter from Mr. Gale, the Convener of the Synods Missionary Committee, respecting the Rev. Mr. Leishman, and assigning him to the bounds of this Presbytery.

An application from the Trustees of the United congregations of Osgood and Gloucester, giving in their adherence, and requesting a member of the Presbytery to moderate a call for the Rev. Mr. Lochhead; Mr. Boyd was desired to correspond with Mr. Lochhead, and to assure him that though the Presbytery can take no action at present, he not having presented himself nor been received, but from his well known character and standing in the Christian ministry, to some of the members of the Presbytery, as also his great acceptableness as a preacher, and the estimation in which he was and is still held by many in Kingston, where he labored in the Union Circuit, the Presbytery has great satisfaction to be informed that he intends to make Canada the field of his future exertions, and that they will most cheerfully give every facility to his views: And further, that the clerk be instructed to write immediately to the Commission of Synod, and the respective Presbyteries, for their concurrence on this subject.

A letter and communication from the heads of Presbyterian families in Tyendinaga and Huntingdon, giving in their adherence, requesting supplies of sermon, &c.

These documents were read and received, and in reference to the wants of this interesting field of missionary labour, the Presbytery exceedingly regret that they cannot supply their pressing wants, but trust that the friends of Jesus will not grow weary, but wait on the Lord in faith and by much prayer. The Presbytery fully believe, that the times of refreshing to these and other places that are ripening for the harvest, will come. In the mean time, they appoint the Rev. William Hamilton, an ordained missionary from the General Assembly of Ireland, and appointed by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, as a missionary to Canada. Mr. Hamilton has previously presented various documents as to his character and standing, was received as a missionary to labour within the bounds of the Presbytery.

A deputation from the Kingston congregation appeared, urgently requesting a continuance of a supply of preaching.

The Rev. Mr. Leishman presented a full and very interesting report of his missionary labours since his arrival within the bounds of the Presbytery. The Presbytery was peculiarly gratified with this report, as exhibiting a Christian spirit and much zeal and prudence, and containing much important information connected with missionary exertion. The report was read and approved, and it was agreed that parts, or the whole, be submitted to the public, through the medium of the Record, and for this purpose that it be transmitted to the Synod's committee on missions.

Arrangements were made for the supply of vacant congregations, viz. Kingston every sabbath, Belleville, Perth, Bytown, Ramsay, Carlton Place, South Gower, Edwardsburgh, Spencer's Mills and Bellamysville.

Adjourned to meet at Brockville, 1st Tuesday in May, 10 o'clock. Mr. Wightman to preach in the evening, at 7 o'clock.

WILLIAM SMART,

Presbytery Clerk (pro tem).

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, met at Hamilton on the 16th and 17th instant, when there were eight ministers and four elders present. Mr. Cheyne of Saltfleet and Inabrook was elected

moderator for the next six months.

Mr. Bastedo, an elder from Nelson, appeared, craving occasional preaching at that station.

Mr. Rainey, as a delegate from the congregation at Guelph, asked the advice and assistance of the Presbytery under the peculiar circumstances in which they were placed. He stated that they were prepared to give a unanimous call to the Rev. Mr. Smellie, of Fergus, to be their minister, as the only person they knew who would be acceptable to the whole Presbyterian population and unite them in one congregation, and they requested the interference of the Presbytery with Mr. Smellie to induce him to accept the call. The Presbytery, after deliberating, recorded their sympathy with the congregation at Guelph, but considering the difficulties of the case, and the delicacy which they felt in interfering between Mr. Smellie and his present congregation, they decline giving any advice in the matter, and desire the moderator to intimate to the parties concerned, that in so far as they are acquainted with the circumstances of the congregations, they will be inclined to give effect to the decision of Mr. Smellie himself.

Deputations from two congregations in the township of Trafalgar, under the pastoral care of Mr. Lumsden, lately a minister of the Congregational Church, were then received, when, after hearing their statements, it was resolved that arrangements be made for sending a deputation from the Presbytery to visit these congregations, and formally ascertain their adherence so soon as possible.

The Clerk then read a communication from the Free Presbytery of Tongue, in Scotland, referring the case of Mr. David McKenzie, late of Kinloch-bernie, simpliciter to the Presbytery of Hamilton, and agreeing to insert the minute of that Presbytery's decision in their records as their deliverance in the case. The communication was referred to a committee, who were appointed to deal with Mr. McKenzie, and report to the Presbytery during the present session.

On the 17th, the Presbytery again met, pursuant to adjournment.

It was agreed to refer the case of Mr. Lumsden to the committee, to be appointed to visit the congregations in Trafalgar, empowering them to deal with Mr. Lumsden, and report to the Presbytery.

The committee on the case of Mr. David McKenzie, reported that certain circumstances in the conduct of Mr. McKenzie having been brought under their notice which required explanation, and in regard to which he had not been able to satisfy the committee, they recommend the Presbytery to defer farther proceedings in the case till enquiry shall have been made, and the circumstances referred to satisfactorily explained. This report was sustained, and the Presbytery agreed to act on the recommendation.

A letter from Mr. Thomas Wardrope, preacher of the gospel, residing in Flamboro' West, giving in his adherence to the Presbytery, was read; as also a memorial from the congregation at Williams, signed by 56 male adhering members, praying for counsel from the Presbytery. To both of these communications the clerk was instructed to reply in suitable terms.

The Presbytery resolved to impress upon the various adhering congregations, both at regular and missionary stations, the necessity of taking immediate and effective steps for raising contributions to the Home Missionary fund, in order to enable the Presbytery to meet their engagements with missionaries, and in so far as may be within their power, alleviate the grievous religious destitution of our Presbyterian population in this quarter.

Arrangements were made for affording a supply of preaching at Guelph.

Committees were appointed to visit the various congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery, and especially to explain the sustentation fund scheme, and remove objections and misunderstandings which seem to have originated in regard

to it—the more especially in this respect, that, excepting in regard to the general principle affecting only the ministers themselves, and adopted by the Synod, of drawing their support only from a general fund—the details are submitted to congregations for their guidance and direction, and not imposed upon them as essential.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held at Hamilton, on Monday, the second day of June, at six o'clock, P.M.

M. Y. STARK, Pres'y Clerk.

MEETING AT ORO.

A meeting of the Presbyterian inhabitants of the township of Oro, was held on the 16th December, for the purpose of adopting such measures as might secure to them a more liberal supply of divine ordinances; and likewise to take into consideration the present position of the Free Protestant and Established Church of Scotland. Mr. William Rutherford being called to preside, and a secretary appointed, the Rev. Angus Macintosh, who was present, briefly, but emphatically, addressed the meeting, showing the causes which had occasioned the secession from the Established Church of Scotland, and in so able and eloquent a manner set forth the claims of the Free Protestant Church to be recognized as the Church of our Fathers, that the following resolutions were carried unanimously, without one dissenting voice:—

Moved by Mr. Daniel Cameron, and seconded by Mr. Henry Litster,

1. That fully satisfied that the course adopted by the reverend body now styled the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in seceding from the Synod in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, though in various respects to be regretted on account of the evils inseparable in all cases from religious division, was nevertheless a course dictated by consistency and a regard to principles essential to the best interests of religion and the well being of the Church of Christ, we express our cordial approbation of the spirit which has been manifested by the reverend body, and our steadfast adherence to it.

Moved by Mr. Peter McCallum, and seconded by Mr. John McCalman,

2. That an application be made forthwith to the Presbytery of Toronto connected with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, earnestly soliciting that Reverend body to afford us as full a supply of divine ordinances, as the circumstances in which they are placed render it possible for them to bestow.

Moved by Mr. Andrew Robertson, and seconded by Mr. John Horne,

3. That a committee be appointed to collect subscriptions for the mission fund of the above mentioned Presbytery, as a reasonable remuneration for such missionary or ministerial services as may be afforded, and an additional security for obtaining them: And that the following persons do compose said committee, viz. Messrs. William Rutherford, David Bone, John Horne, Donald Cameron, Peter McCallum, John McCalman, and George Tudhope.

WM. RUTHERFORD, Chairman.
GEORGE TUDHOPE, Secretary.

On the 17th December, 1844, a meeting was held at Mr. Kay's school house, when the above resolutions were unanimously approved of, and a committee appointed to carry them into effect.

Names of Committee—Messrs. John McPhaden, Arch'd Bell, and Arch'd Gillespie.

On the 18th December, 1844, a meeting was held at the Union School, between Oro and Mendota, for the above purpose, where also the preceding resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Names of Committee—Messrs. John Bell, Duncan McKinlay, and Walter Tudhope.

GEORGE TUDHOPE, Secretary.