

visit Red River during the summer, the Rev. Mr. McTavish being specially mentioned with reference to the mission proposed.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Presbytery of London was held at London on the 6th, 7th, and 8th days of April. The Rev. John Scott was elected Moderator for the next half-year.

The Rev. Robert McKenzie, Missionary, being present was invited to sit with the Presbytery.

A deed was received from Thos. C. Gregory, Esq., conveying a site for a Church in the village of Strathroy, to the Presbytery. The Moderator was appointed to acknowledge the receipt of the deed, and to tender the thanks of the Presbytery to Mr. Gregory and to correspond with him on this subject.

The Moderator was also appointed to reply to a communication from the Students Missionary Society of Knox College anent the employment of a Missionary among the Roman Catholic French Canadians in the West.

There was laid upon the table of the Presbytery a call from Richmond, Canada, East, and other relative documents transmitted by the Presbytery of Montreal, in favor of the Rev. D. McDiarmid. The Presbytery agreed to cite all parties to appear for their interests, at the next ordinary meeting to be held at London on the first Tuesday of July next.

A petition was read from the congregation at Kincardine, for the moderating in of a call to the Rev. D. McDiarmid.

The Rev. Mr. McNaughton, of Saugeen was appointed to moderate in a call, there on Wednesday the 26th May at 11 o'clock, A.M. The edict to be served by one of the Elders, on Sabbath the 16th May.

The sustaining of the call moderated in at Amherstburgh in favor of the Rev. Robert McKenzie, Missionary, was deferred until the next meeting in consequence of pecuniary embarrassments in the congregation.

The overture on the Barrier Act was approved of *simpliciter*.

On the overture anent Probationers laboring as Missionaries, the Presbytery agreed to recommend that the law requiring Missionaries to labor within the bounds of the Synod one year before they are eligible to receive a call, be repealed in so far as it relates to licentiates of our own Church, and Missionaries regularly designated, and those called to vacant congregations.

Anent the overture on the Home Missions, the Presbytery do not consider the Church in a position at present to form a general fund to assist weaker congregations and stations, but are of opinion that the present system that every Presbytery assist as far as possible the weaker congregations and stations within its bounds, should be continued in the meantime.

On the overture on the Romish Baptism, the Presbytery agreed to recommend to the Synod to appoint a Committee to consider this subject and to draw up a report in the form of an overture to be transmitted to Presbyterians.

The Presbytery agreed to meet with the Brethren of the United Presbyterian Church, of the Presbytery of London at next ordinary meeting, to engage in devotional exercises, and appoint the Moderator, and Mr. Clark to make the necessary arrangements.

Quarterly financial returns were given in from all the congregations except Chatham, St. Mary's, Innerkip, Mitchell, Harrington, Saugeen, and Hosanquet.

Assessors were appointed to form Kirk Sessions at St. Thomas, Port Stanley, and Buxton.

Petitions were received for Missionary supply from Paisley, Tara, Bruce, Kincardine, Wawaseeh, Colborne Mills, Manchester, Elms,

West Plympton, Enniskillen, Thamesford, Westminster, Frampton, Belmont, and Yarmouth, Thamesville, Bothwell, Wallacetown, Currie-Road, and Chalmers' Church, Dunwich.

The following appointments were given to Ministers, to dispense the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper before the next meeting, viz.:

At Amherstburgh, Messrs. King and McColl.
At Chalmers' Church, Dunwich, Messrs. D. McMillan, and Forrest.

At Yarmouth, Messrs. Young, and John McMillan.

At Frampton, Messrs. McDiarmid, and Rennie.

At Clinton, Mr. Findlay, assisted by Messrs. Graham, and Ross, on week days.

At Tara, Mr. McNaughton, assisted by Mr. Cheesnut.

At Huron, Ashfield, Kincardine, and Bruce, Messrs. L. McPherson, and Ferguson, in the months of July and August.

Mr. McKenzie was appointed to preach at Thamesford on the first Sabbath of May; and Mr. Doak to give one Sabbath a month to Vienna and Port Burwell until next meeting.

A Committee was appointed to prepare an overture to be transmitted to the Synod on the subject of worldly amusements.

It was agreed to overture the Synod for a division of the Presbytery; and that a special meeting be held at London on Tuesday 15th June next at 9 o'clock, A.M., to consider what division should be recommended in an overture to the Synod on this subject.

WILLIAM DOAK, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Presbytery of Toronto met on the 15th April. There was a large attendance of Ministers. Very few Elders were present.

Mr. McTavish (Convener of Committee on Missions to the North American Indians) gave an *interim* report to the effect that the Committee had been engaged in making enquiries on the subject.

The Conveners of Committees on Missionary meetings reported that meetings had been held throughout the Presbytery, and that almost uniformly the attendance and contributions were longer than in former years.

The Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee reported that applications for summer supply had been received from 18 different localities, and that 16 labourers had been allocated to the Presbytery by the Synod Committee.

Messrs. Laing (Convener) McTavish, Lowry, Reid, and Gregg were appointed a Committee to consider the best means to be adopted towards a more efficient visitation and supervision of the Presbytery's home mission field.

Mr. James White applied for admission as an Ordained Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. He handed in a Presbyterial certificate of his standing as an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church of England, which was ordered to lie on the table till next meeting. Messrs. Reid (Convener) Harris, Gray, Gregg, and Swinton, were appointed a Committee to confer with Mr. White in accordance with the laws of the Synod.

Mr. Gregg reported that after due notice he had moderated in a call to a Minister in Knox's Church, Toronto, and that the call had been unanimously given to the Rev. Alexander Topp, of Roxburgh Church, Edinburgh.

The call duly attested and signed by upwards of six hundred members and adherents was laid on the table and sustained.

A document was handed in containing a resolution passed at a Congregational Meeting of Knox's Church, to the effect that the annual stipend they undertook to pay Mr. Topp was five hundred pounds, and outfit one hundred pounds.

The Presbytery instructed the Clerk to transmit the call to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, and requested and authorised Dr. Robert Buchanan, Dr. Roxburgh, Dr. Bonar, Dr. Begg, and J. D. Bryce, Esq., to prosecute the same in behalf of the Presbytery, before the Courts of the Free Church of Scotland.

The concluding trial pieces and examinations of Mr. John Murray, were heard and sustained. He then answered the prescribed questions, and after prayer was licensed to preach the Gospel.

The next meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in Oakville on Tuesday, the 15th June, at 9 o'clock, A.M.

WILLIAM GREGG, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

This Presbytery met in Kingston on the 13th of April, 1858.

The report of a deputation to visit Trenton and Consecon Congregations was called for. Mr. Wilson gave in a lengthened written report, which, with some explanations and emendations from Mr. Thomson, was adopted; and the thanks of the Presbytery to the deputation for their diligence in the matter, were ordered to be recorded.

Mr. Wilson reported that the Station of Storrington had been organized into a regular congregation, but that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper had not been dispensed there yet; and moved that Mr. Stewart (elder) be added to the Committee. The motion was agreed to.

A full, satisfactory, and highly encouraging written report of the Colportage Committee was read and given in by Mr. Wilson (convener) which was adopted.

Mr. Shaw (missionary) being present, was asked to give a report of his labours at Storrington and Ballinalinch since last meeting of Presbytery. He gave a verbal statement, which was deemed satisfactory.

A Report of the Home Mission Fund of the Presbytery was then read by the Treasurer, from which it appeared that the fund was nearly rid of a large debt with which it was encumbered a few months ago. The report was adopted; and the Presbytery's thanks to the Treasurer were ordered to be recorded.

Statistical Returns of Congregations were then called for. And Rev. Messrs. Gray and Wilson, ministers, and Messrs. Stewart and McLaughlin, elders, were appointed a Committee to act along with the Clerk in preparing all the Statistical Returns of the Presbytery, for the Synod; the Clerk, convener.

Mr. Chambers then tendered his resignation of his pastoral charge at Picton. Mr. Thomson also tabled his resignation of the pastoral charge of Trenton and Consecon. The Presbytery agreed to meet at Picton, on the 5th of May next, at 11 o'clock, A. M., to consider both cases of resignation. Mr. Samuel Anderson was appointed to cite the Congregation of Picton, and Rev. Mr. Wilson those of Trenton and Consecon, to appear for their interests at said meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery ordered the Session Records of Melrose and Roslin, Picton, Brock Street and Chalmers' Church, Kingston, to be testified as, on the whole, correctly kept; and enjoined the other sessions under their jurisdiction, to forward their records and statistical returns to the Clerk without delay.

The Overture on the Home Mission was then taken up. The Presbytery approved of a central fund, or some other, if it can be obtained, for the purpose of helping weak congregations.

The Overture on the Barrier Act was considered, and approved of.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet at Picton, on Wednesday, the 5th of May next at 11 o'clock, A. M.

JAS. A. THOMSON, *Pres. Clerk*