

mittee to revise "the Rules and Forms of Procedure" sent down by the Synod, and to report at a meeting of Presbytery to be held in Hamilton in June next.

Mr. Proudfoot was nominated Moderator of next Synod.

Rev. A. McDiarmid tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Wallace town and Duff's Church. The Presbytery ordered the resignation to lie on the table till next ordinary meeting, when parties will be cited to appear for their interest.

Mr. John Thompson read his trial discourses, and was examined with a view to ordination and induction to the congregation of Sarnia. These were sustained and the ordination appointed for 25th April, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson to preach, Rev. Mr. King to address the Minister, and Rev. Stephen Balmer to address the people.

Supply was granted to Chicago, and the Presbytery resolved to take steps to bring the case before the Synod in the usual way.

Messrs. Proudfoot, Scott and Balmer were appointed a Committee to visit Mr. Chiniquy's Mission, to attend to the expenditure of the money collected by Mr. Chiniquy while in Canada, and to report in regard to the state and claims of the Mission at next meeting of Synod.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery will be held in St. Andrew's Church, London, on 2nd Tuesday of July next, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

GEO. CUTHBERTSON, Clerk L. Presb'y.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met in McNab St. Church, Hamilton, on the 10th of April.

The following resolution on Sabbath observance was moved by Mr. Lees, duly seconded, and adopted by the Presbytery:—"Whereas it is painfully evident that the sanctity of the Lord's day is not so carefully observed by the community around us as it ought to be, and even by many of the members and adherents of our own congregations; and perceiving with sorrow that there is a growing tendency amongst the young throughout the land to take unwarranted liberties with the sacredness of the Sabbath, by visiting, travelling for pleasure, and the like; and being persuaded that this tendency to Sabbath desecration has been, at least in some measure, strengthened and encouraged by the published sentiments of some influential parties belonging to the Presbyterian Church in Scotland; and believing as we firmly do, that the divine command, recorded in the Decalogue, in reference to the Sabbath is as binding upon us, who live under the Gospel dispensation, as it was upon the Jews; that it is, in short, of universal and perpetual obligation: Be it therefore resolved, that the members of this Presbytery give special prominence to the sanctity of the Sabbath, in their pulpit ministrations and Bible class instructions, and that one Sabbath, not later than the month of May be devoted to this object."

The Presbytery heard with satisfaction the report of the committees of the various deputations appointed to hold Missionary meetings last winter, throughout its bounds. The interest in the great work of Missions appears to be deepening and the contributions increasing.

The report of the work done in the Presbytery Home Mission field was laid before the Presbytery, and steps were taken to nourish the weak and provide for them as suitably and as fast as possible. Among other things of this nature the Presbytery agreed to recommend that the Port Colborne group of stations be aided to the amount of one hundred dollars—\$100—per annum, so soon as there shall be a prospect of their obtaining a Pastor of their own.

The Presbytery adopted a full and appropriate minute on the death of the