

The members present being asked whether the late thanksgiving day had been observed, and the collection for the Synod Fund and Buxton Mission taken up, all replied in the affirmative. The Clerk was instructed to put the same question by letter to absent members.

A written report of the Committee on the College Building Fund was given in and read. It was agreed to receive the report, reappoint the committee, instructing them to correspond with congregations, and also instruct the brethren present to see that the committees appointed in their several congregations be urged to complete the work of taking up subscriptions as soon as possible.

Report of the Committee on Schemes of Missionary Meetings was given in and read.—Whereupon, after deliberation, it was agreed that the report lie on the table till next meeting; but that brethren who are satisfied with the plan, and are prepared to proceed with the work may do so forthwith; the Clerk to write to absent members on this matter.

A schedule of supplies of vacant congregations and mission stations till next meeting, was made out, but space need not be occupied with it in the columns of the *Record*.

A petition signed by 27 students of Knox's College, praying that a sum, not less than four dollars, besides expenses, be allowed to a student for each sabbath he may be employed in missionary work, during the College Session, was presented and read. After deliberation it was agreed that the prayer of the petition be granted; and the Clerk was instructed to write to the congregations and stations, now being supplied by students, requesting them to pay according to the above rate, and that, if there be any difficulty in this matter, they should make it known before next meeting of Presbytery.

A letter from Mr. Laing, containing statement of a case for advice from Highland Creek, relative to the admission of Mrs. Crompton as a communicant was read, and the case considered. The following motion, after deliberation, was agreed to viz. The Presbytery would leave it to the discretion of the Session at Highland Creek if they see fit to admit Mrs. Crompton as an occasional communicant to the privilege of partaking of the Lord's Supper, but without putting her name on the communion roll.

The Clerk read extract testimonial on behalf of Mr. Thomas Sharp, probationer, of the Free Church of Scotland (signed by James Walker, Clerk of the Colonial and Continental Committee) designating him as a missionary to Canada, and commending him to the Presbytery of Toronto.

The testimonial being satisfactory, Mr. Sharp was received as a missionary of this Church.—He was reported to the Convener of the Synod's Home Missionary Committee, and with his concurrence, Mr. Sharp was appointed to labour within the bounds of this Presbytery in the mean time.

The overture on the Barrier Act, sent down by the Synod, was read and considered. After deliberation the Presbytery agreed to approve generally of the overture. Calling attention, however to the phraseology employed in the first clause, viz: "innovation to be made in the constitution of the Church, in matters of doctrine," as appearing to be ambiguous or objectionable.

The overture on the management of congregational matters was next read and considered. After mature deliberation it was on motion agreed to disapprove of the overture.

Messrs. McLeod, Charles Cameron, and Edward Graham, students of Knox's College, who for particular reasons, had not previously presented themselves for examination, were examined by the Presbytery, and certificates granted. Also, five young men, viz: Daniel

Duff, Archibald Gillies, Peter Nicol, John Hamilton, and Wm. Landie, at present attending Mr. Smith's pre-entrance classes in Knox's College, were examined and recommended to continue their studies under Mr. Smith.

Mr. Reid gave notice that at next meeting he would call the attention of the Presbytery to the subject of Church Extension within the City of Toronto.

Mr. MacFavish gave notice of motion to be brought forward at next meeting, viz.—That the Presbytery do overture the Synod to take steps to originate a Mission to the American Indians as soon as may be deemed advisable.

The Clerk gave notice of motion to the effect that, quarterly returns of Minister's stipend, and of other financial matters, coming under the regulations of Synod, be required of all the Congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery.

It was agreed that the subject of Presbyterial Visitation, and also the overture sent down by the Synod on the duties of Elders and Deacons, be considered at next ordinary meeting, to be held on the first Wednesday of January, 1857.

T. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE AND OTTAWA.

The ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held in Ottawa, on the 2nd and 3rd of December. There were present, nine Ministers and six Elders. Mr. Melville was invited to take a seat with the Presbytery.

Session Records were called for, and Committees appointed for their revision. Those records not produced were ordered to be brought forward at next meeting.

The Presbytery on the report of the deputation, appointed to visit Edwardsburg on the matter of the division of ministerial labor, agreed to find that it is expedient that the minister supplying that charge, confine his Sabbath service chiefly to Spencerville and Port Elgin.

Mr. Smith was appointed to moderate in a call at Edwardsburg, on an early day.

Dr. Boyd was appointed to moderate in a call in South Gower, Oxford, and Mountain, or in other words, the Kemptville charge.

Mr. Fraser had assigned to him a similar duty in Pembroke.

It was found that the supply made at last meeting had been duly attended to, and that the quarterly collection for Buxton Mission and Synod Fund had been taken up.

Various accounts were presented, considered, and ordered to be paid.

There was laid on the table, a call from North Gower, to Mr. Lochead. The same was sustained by the Presbytery, and accepted by Mr. Lochead. His induction was appointed to take place on the 17th of December, Mr. Gray to preach and preside, and Mr. T. Wardrope to address the pastor and people.

Mr. Lochead exchanges Osgoode for North Gower, and his charge is now called "Gloucester and North Gower."

Mr. Gray was appointed to preach in Osgoode on the 14th inst., formally unite the two congregations and sessions into one, and then declare the church vacant. Mr. Fraser was appointed to spend the 11th and 18th January, in Osgoode—preside at the election of new elders, and generally to advise with the people there for the consolidation of the charge.

Mr. D. Wardrope was appointed to supply Mr. Fraser's pulpit on one of the above Sabbaths.

It was agreed that next ordinary meeting be held in Perth, on the first Tuesday in March—and it was further arranged that an adjourned meeting of Presbytery be held in Ottawa, on

the 20th January, to consider the calls that are expected then to be produced.

When the subject of missionary meetings came up, much time was devoted to the consideration of the best plan to be adopted.—Finally, it was agreed that each minister see that missionary meetings be held within his charge, or adopt some other plan by which the subject of missions may be brought before his people, and collections taken up for the Presbytery's Fund.

The following supply was agreed to:—

Ramsay, 7th and 21st December, Mr. Montgomery—15th January, Mr. Gezzie—15th and 22nd February, and 1st March, Mr. Montgomery.

Kemptville, 14th December, 11th 18th and 26th January, Mr. Montgomery—28th December, Mr. Corbett—1st January, Mr. Gourlay—5th February, Mr. Smith—22nd February, Dr. Boyd.

Osgoode, 14th December, Mr. Gray—28th December, and 4th January, Mr. Montgomery—11th and 18th January, Mr. Fraser—15th February, Mr. Melville.

West Port, 1st and 8th February, Mr. Montgomery—Mr. Duncan was authorised to see to this charge.

Cumberland, &c., 28th December, and 4th January, Mr. J. McEwan—25th January, Mr. T. Wardrope—22nd February, Mr. Lochead.

The Presbytery spent the evening of Wednesday in a most interesting and refreshing devotional conference.

S. C. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The Presbytery of Kingston met on the 9th ult.

Arrangements for Missionary meetings occupied a considerable portion of the time of the Presbytery. Since the meetings of Presbytery several of the missionary meetings have been held. These have been highly interesting and successful. At Belleville, the sum realized, by collection and subscription, amounted to forty-five pounds. At Picton, the amount was twenty-four pounds. At other places the meetings were also pleasant and affective.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

On the 5th ult., the Presbytery of London met at Millbank, in the township of Mornington, for the purpose of ordaining the Rev. W. T. McMullen to the pastoral charge of the congregation in that place. Although the day was very unfavourable, a very full and respectable assembly had congregated at an early hour. The services of the day were commenced by an appropriate sermon, by the Rev. Mr. Findlay, of Mitchell, who had been appointed by the Presbytery to preside on the occasion. The Rev. T. McPherson, of Stratford, then briefly related the circumstances which led to the call and proposed settlement of Mr. McMullen in this congregation, and the steps that had been taken for that object in accordance with Presbyterian order. The Congregation having signified, in the usual way, their unanimous adherence to their call, and Mr. McMullen to his acceptance of it, and the questions prescribed by the synod for such occasions, having been satisfactorily answered by Mr. McMullen, he was set apart to the work of the ministry "by the laying one of the hands of the Presbytery" and prayer. The young minister was then most affectingly addressed by the Rev. D. Allen, of North Easthope. The business was closed by an address to the people, by the Rev. Thos. McPherson, of Stratford. We cannot help congratulating both parties on this interesting occasion of the first settlement of