

Reports were received from the various missionaries in the field, of a satisfactory kind, and the following appointments were made:—Mr. Thompson to Laguerre; Mr. Grant to Martintown and Williamstown; Mr. Hume to Kennebec; Mr. Jones to the district of Sherbrooke; and Mr. Labelle to Farnham, till next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Kemp was appointed to visit Sherbrooke and report, and any further arrangements for this place that might be deemed necessary were left in the hands of the Home Mission Committee.

It was agreed to discontinue, in the meantime, the missionary services at Harrington, and to appoint Mr. Paterson, (Convener), Messrs. Currie, and Cameron as committee to arrange supplies for that place.

The report of the committee on Arrears of Ministers' Stipends was given in and read by Mr. Paterson. It contained recommendations for the management of congregational finances, and blank schedules for annual reports, both to the Presbytery and the congregations. It was laid over for consideration at next ordinary meeting.

The circular of the committee, appointed by Synod, on Arrears of Stipend, was read and considered, and the Presbytery unanimously resolved to make the following reply: That the attention of the Presbytery having already been directed to this matter, and steps having been taken to accomplish the object contemplated by the committee, it is not deemed that Mr. Ball's visit to the congregations within the bounds would be productive of good in the meantime.

A representation having been made to the Court of the wants of the people at New Carlisle, near Gaspe, Mr. Clark was appointed to visit that place at an early day and to report.

The Presbytery took up the question of Home Missionary operations, and after consideration unanimously resolved: Having considered the action of the last Synod on Home Missions, the Presbytery find that it is nevertheless expedient for them to continue as heretofore to carry on their Home Mission work by their own means and agencies, not deeming that the interim Synodical arrangements were intended to fetter and interfere with the special work of Presbyteries. Considering also the necessities of their Home Mission field, the Presbytery appointed a special collection to be taken up in all the congregations and stations within the bounds, on the first Sabbath in September next, or on such early day thereafter as may be found more convenient; instructed also the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee to solicit, by private effort, such further contributions as may be found necessary to meet current liabilities. The Clerk to send notices to congregations, and all contributions to be paid to him, or to J. Redpath, Esq., Montreal, Treasurer.

The Presbytery considering the decision of the Synod on the overture anent a Theological College in Montreal, and for the purpose of implementing the same, appointed a Committee to prepare a form of charter for said College, and to make enquiries regarding students. The Committee to consist of Dr. Taylor, convener, Messrs. McVicar, Kemp, Clark, Currie, Watson, Paterson, and Crombie, ministers; and Messrs. J. Redpath, Paton, King, Torrance, Ross, and Hossack elders; with power to add to their number, and to report to next ordinary meeting.

Mr. McConechy reported that he had, as instructed, visited the mining* regions of Canada East to ascertain the spiritual wants of the Presbyterians, who might be there, and found that the population was at present very fluctuating, and that in the meantime there was no necessity for sending any other missionary there than Mr. Hume, who is in the neighbourhood of the Chaudiere.

Mr. Labelle passed his probationary trials with much satisfaction to the Presbytery, and was licensed in common form as a preacher of the Gospel.

Mr. Kemp intimated that it was his intention to resign the office of Clerk at next meeting.

A. F. KEMP, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 2nd August. The Rev. Dr. Jennings was appointed Moderator for the year. The attention of the presbytery was directed to the congregations in arrears; and with the view of preventing arrears for the future, the Presbytery agreed to require from all the congregations stated financial returns. A committee was appointed to take charge of this matter. Various session records were examined and attested,