

and the duty, in so far as they may be able, of their not allowing the stipend of their minister to suffer any material diminution.

With a view to the effecting of a union between Meaford congregation and that of Griersville, Williamstown, and Thornbury, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Dewar, J. Cameron, and McDowall, ministers, and Messrs. Marshall and Armstrong, elders—Mr. Dewar convener, was appointed to visit all the stations concerned, viz., Thornbury and Williamstown on 2nd Tuesday of Feb., and Griersville and Meaford on the following Wednesday; and it was agreed that a special meeting of Presbytery held at Meaford in the evening of the same Wednesday, at half-past 6 o'clock for the purpose of dealing with the case.

Session books were ordered to be presented at next meeting.

The following arrangements were made for the supply of vacant stations:—

Mr. C. Cameron to visit the Roman Catholic settlement in Glenelg; Mr. Bremner to visit Carriick; Mr. Moffat, Brant and West Bentinck; Mr. Greig, Proton; Messrs. J. Cameron and Grant, North Sullivan; Mr. Stevenson, Tara and Derby; Messrs. Gauld and McDowall, the Mountain, Collingwood, and Craighleith; Mr. Fraser, Amabel; Mr. Park, Melanethon—in each case the minister choosing the time that will best suit, and sending due notice to the Stations.

WILLIAM PARK, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

This Presbytery met at Stratford on the 6th and 7th January, the Rev. Thomas Lowry Moderator.

There were 12 ministers (being all the ministers in the Presbytery) present, and 8 elders.

Mr. R. Renwick passed his ordination trials with approbation, and the Presbytery agreed to meet within the church at Elma for his ordination and induction on the 28th January.

Arrangements for the annual missionary meetings were made and the committees appointed to attend to this matter were instructed to endeavour to form a missionary organisation in each congregation, to raise funds for carrying on the work of Home Missions.

On the report of the kirk-session of Chalmer's Church, St. Mary's, in regard to the arrears due Mr. Beattie, the Presbytery agreed to hold a special meeting at St. Mary's on the first Tuesday of February, at 11 o'clock a.m., and to cite the congregation to appear at said meeting.

WILLIAM DOAK, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

This Presbytery met in Hamilton on the 13th of January, and was attended by seventeen ministers and eleven elders.

Much of the business was not of general interest.

The Presbytery agreed upon an interim uniform scheme, to be recommended to all the Sabbath schools in their bounds, for their guidance as to lessons, annual reports &c.; and reappointed the committee, which has arranged matters so far, to correspond with congregations, and generally to mature the scheme and get it into operation.

It was also agreed to hold a series of missionary meetings in the various congregations, during the months of January and February, according to a scheme adopted by the Presbytery.

A moderation in a call was granted to the congregation in Sutherland street, Calcadema (the late Dr. Fernier's).

The Presbytery received into communion with the church the congregations of Gainsboro and Pelham, lately under the care of the Niagara Presbytery, N. S.

It was agreed to hold a conference on the state of religion within the bounds of Presbytery at its next meeting to be held on the second Tuesday of April in Hamilton.

JOHN PORTEOUS, *Pres. Clerk.*