

acted with the Home Mission; in the course of which it was urged that a regular journal should be kept by each minister and missionary of his labours in the district assigned him; such journals to be the property of the Presbytery, and to be lodged with the Presbytery Clerk, in accordance with the suggestions of the Synod's Committee on Home Missions, we can only specify the following particulars, derived from the foregoing reports. The Rev. Mr. Meldrum stated, that in the District assigned to him, containing the two stations of Wellington Square and Waterdown, a roll of members and adherents had been made up under his superintendence, and that Mr. William Wilson had been chosen by the people at those stations as an Elder, and Messrs. Henry Graham, Edward Evans, and John Thomson Bastedo as Deacons; and the Presbytery appointed Mr. Chayne, Minister, and Mr. Bastedo, Elder, as assessors to Mr. Meldrum, in taking trial of the fitness of those parties for the duties of the offices to which they had been elected; and in the event of their finding their character and qualifications suitable, and no valid objections being offered, to proceed to their ordination, according to the laws and order of the Church.

A petition was presented, by the Rev. Mr. Chayne, from a Committee appointed by the congregation of Niagara, praying that a missionary should be steadily placed amongst them for some time; and it was resolved that application be made to the College Committee to provide, from among the more advanced students, a suitable missionary for this station, to give supply, for the present, as long as possible, and to be stationed there, at the close of the session, during the whole of the session of college.

The Rev. Mr. Lindsay gave an interesting report respecting the efforts made by the Presbytery, on and around Ingersoll, for the erection of a place of worship, and the establishment of the presence of the Gospel in that locality. A memorial, from the same parties, numerously signed, and embodying a series of resolutions to the above effect, was given in and read. The case of Ingersoll was recommended specially to the attention of the Home Missions Committee, and the superintending minister was requested to visit the station again as soon as possible. We understand that a considerable sum has already been subscribed for the erection of the church at Ingersoll, and that there is every prospect of the work being commenced in the spring. It may be mentioned, as a proof of the spirit and activity of the Presbyterians in this vicinity, that they have resolved to hold an evening social meeting, or *sairee*, in the first week of this month, in order to give an opportunity for an exposition of the principles of the Presbyterian Church. Several ministers of the Presbytery will, it is understood, be present at this meeting. Mr. Lindsay also gave an interesting report of his visit to a destitute section of the township of Brimley, where there is a large body of Presbyterian settlers, who have hitherto had but rare opportunities of enjoying the ordinances of religion, but who have, in a most commendable spirit, associated themselves for united effort in obtaining this privilege, and have formed a common fund amongst them for missionary purposes.

Mr. Mackintosh intimated that he had just returned from a missionary tour among the Owen's Sound settlements; and made various statements concerning the extent and urgent necessities of that field of missionary labour. Two memorials from the Presbyterians in that quarter were also presented; the one by Mr. Mackintosh, and the other by the Convener of the Home Missions Committee—both expressing the earnest desire of the inhabitants for a share in the services of the Presbytery's Ministers, and their willingness to contribute, to the utmost of their ability, to the Home Mission Fund. In one locality they began to contemplate the calling of a fixed pastor; and it appears that a considerable proportion of the population would require the ministrations of the Gospel in the Gaelic language. Messrs. Smellie and Meldrum are to visit this interesting field immediately, to depose the Sacrament of the Supper at Sutherland to the members of the Church, Mr. Mackintosh having been engaged, during his visit, in examining and making up a roll of members.

Written reports were given in on behalf of Messrs. McKenzie, Macleiver, Foden and Graham, respecting the Missionary Districts assigned

them in the west. Some of the members having reported that they had been unable to attend their engagements to visit their Mission Districts during the last three months, were engaged to fulfil this duty forthwith.

From the general report on Home Missions, it appeared that the Rev. Dr. Ferrier had devoted a considerable portion of his services to Woodstock and London, since last meeting, and that he had also given occasional supply at Ingersoll, William and St. Thomas in the west; and at the 6th session of Ancaster, Caledonia, and Dunnville in eastern part of the Presbytery—that the Rev. John McKinnon had also been principally employed in the west, having visited Williams, St. Thomas, Aldborough, Eickel and Moss, besides giving some supply at Woodstock, Ingeroll and London—that the Rev. Mr. Bellane had steadily supplied the following stations, every third Sabbath, viz:—5th session of Ancaster and Caledonia, Oaida and Walpole, Dunnville and Wellanport—and that the Rev. Mr. Smith had regularly supplied Wellington Square and Waterdown every second Sabbath.

The Presbytery having next proceeded to take up the business on the clerk's list the demission by the Rev. Mr. McMillan of the pastoral charge at Williams came to be considered, and appearance being called for on the part of that congregation, a written communication transmitted on their behalf was read—to the effect that while they highly prized Mr. McMillan's pastoral service, and deeply regretted his removal from amongst them, they did not feel at liberty to oppose the acceptance by the Presbytery of his demission, but earnestly entreated that missionary supplies might be extended to them, in the meantime, as often as possible. Mr. McMillan's demission was then sustained by the Presbytery and he was formally loosed from the pastoral charge at Williams. The clerk next reported that he had duly communicated by circular to the General Presbyteries of the church and to the college committee the minute adopted by the Presbytery three months ago respecting the application of Dr. Ferrier, and that no objection to his reception had been made. It was therefore resolved that Dr. Ferrier be now formally received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada; and be received the right-hand of fellowship accordingly.

Two calls were then presented in favour of the Rev. John McKinnon—the one from the congregation of Williams—the other from that of St. Thomas. The presbytery having found that the calls with the relative documents had been prepared and brought forward in an orderly manner they were put into Mr. McKinnon's hands, when he intimated his intention with the concurrence of the Presbytery, to accept of the call from St. Thomas. Arrangements were then made for Mr. McKinnon's ordination, which was fixed for the 4th day of February, the Presbytery resolving to meet at St. Thomas in hunc effectum on that day. The Rev. Mr. Byne was appointed to preach and preside at the ordination, and to address the minister in English—Mr. Meldrum to preach in Gaelic, Mr. Allan to address the congregation in English and Mr. McKenzie in Gaelic.

A call was next presented from the congregation of Woodstock in favour of the Rev. Mr. McLeod of Logie Easter Ross-shire, Scotland. This call, which was numerously signed, was accompanied with a letter from a committee of the congregation, addressed to Mr. McLeod, urging in strong terms his acceptance of their call. The Presbytery after deliberation agreed to concur with this call and transmit it to the Presbytery of Tain. After arranging some other pieces of business of less general interest the Presbytery had brought before them a communication from Mr. D. McLellan, Hamilton, intimating his intention to engage in the bookselling business, with the view of promoting a more extensive circulation of books, tracts and other publications of a religious character, and especially of supplying with suitable works, congregational and Sabbath school libraries, and requesting the approval of the Presbytery to this undertaking, and the support of its members in carrying it out. The Presbytery having duly considered this communication, unanimously agreed to record their cordial approval of Mr. McLellan's undertaking and their entire confidence in his integrity and judgment in conducting the same, as also their full conviction of the great ad-

vantage which would result from the opening up to the church of a well selected supply of religious books and other publications. The members of Presbytery individually expressed their disposition to promote Mr. McLellan's object as far as possible, in their several localities. The Presbytery further taking into view the extensive and urgent want of a supply of the standard books of the church and other books and tracts suitable for the use of Sabbath schools, and for circulation among our people, resolved to appoint the following members a committee to consider and report as to the best means the Presbytery can take to advance this most desirable object, viz:—Mr. Gale, Mr. Chayne, Mr. Stark, and Mr. Ewen, Elder.

The Presbytery further authorize this committee in the meantime to give such counsel and countenance to Mr. McLellan as they may deem proper, and to recognize and recommend him as book and tract depository for the Presbytery as soon as they find that he has provided stock to justify them in acknowledging him in that capacity.

On the evening of Wednesday 14th the Rev. Dr. Ferrier preached before the Presbytery an able and interesting sermon, according to appointment from 1 Eph. iii. 10.

The Presbytery appointed their next ordinary meeting to be held at Hamilton on the 2nd Wednesday of May, at noon.

#### PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

We are favoured, by the Rev. Henry Gordon, with the following interesting sketch of the recent proceedings of this Presbytery.

Gananoque, 19th January, 1866.

MR DEAR BROTHER,—From Mr. Smart's state of health, Mr. McLellan's resignation, and the isolated situation, at this particular season, of Ficton and Demoreaville, the pressure of Presbytery business has of late been such that I have not been able to gratify my own desires in sending regular reports, as formerly, of Presbyterial proceedings.

Our Presbytery met at Spenserville, on Tuesday, 6th instant, when the Rev. Mr. Geggie, late of Valcartiere, near Quebec, and who cast in his lot with us so soon as he knew of the disruption, was inducted to the charge of the united congregations of Spenserville, Edwardsburgh, &c. I should think that there will be seventy families of Presbyterians at least included in the charge. I preached (and presided) from Mat. vii. 13-14 v.—“Straight is the gate,” &c. Mr. Smart gave a very solemn, appropriate, and impressive address to the minister: Mr. Boyd addressed the people. There was a numerous and intensely, to all appearance, interested congregation; and the prospects, *God smiling on them*, are favourable for building up a large congregation in both Spenserville and Edwardsburgh, where convenient places of worship already are built.

On the following day (7th), Mr. MacDowall, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Ireland, was ordained over the congregation of South Gower.—Mr. Boyd, Present, preaching and presiding; Mr. Smart addressed the minister; Mr. Geggie to the people. According to the custom of the Presbyterian Church, Ireland, Mr. Boyd selected a text bearing on the principles of Presbyterians, from 1st Tim. 4-14 v.—and a more luminous, energetic, conclusive, and pointed demonstration of the Scriptural foundation of the Presbyterian System of Church Government, and exposure of the inventions and corruptions of the Man of Sin, it is not easy to imagine.

There could not be less than from 400 to 450 hearers assembled, in a neat convenient place of worship. Never did any one receive a more warm, encouraging and cordial welcome at his entrance on the pastoral work or office, than this young minister. His labours for four months past have been more and more acceptable; and there is the most cheering prospect (the God of Heaven and Jesus the great Head of the Church and the Holy Ghost the Sanctifier, directing and blessing) of a very numerous and flourishing and united congregation.

Three large and important congregations have grown from infancy to their present matured and promising organization, under the fostering care of our brother, Mr. Boyd, of Prescott,—all whose self-sacrifices, self-denial, unflinching, extraordinary labours of body and travail of soul and