

## PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The last meeting of this presbytery was held in Toronto, on the 29th of November, and was attended by fourteen Ministers and three Elders.

The following is a brief notice of the principal items of the business before the Court:—

Application was made on the part of the Second Congregation in Toronto, for moderation of a call to the Rev. John Davis, minister at Ballinacorney in Ireland; when, after deliberation, the farther consideration of this matter was delayed till next meeting.

The case of Markham was again considered; when after hearing the statement of the committee appointed to confer with Mr. Boyd, the following motion was agreed to:—

The Presbytery having resumed the case of Markham, and heard the statement of the parties appointed to confer with Mr. Boyd, and see to the interim supply of Markham pulpit, consider that to delay longer a final decision would be inexpedient, and agree accordingly to the acceptance of Mr. Boyd's resignation, and appoint intimation of the vacancy to be made on Sabbath week.

The case of Reach and Brock was then taken up, when the commission reported to the effect, that there was not found such alienation existing as the papers and pleading at last meeting had led the Presbytery to expect.

The following motion on the acceptance of Mr. Mitchell's resignation was, after deliberation, agreed to:—

That this Presbytery having received the report of the committee, appointed to investigate the state of Brock and Reach congregation, after deliberation, agreed to accept Mr. Mitchell's resignation for the reasons assigned by himself, viz., the state of his health and the extent of his field of labour. Intimation of the vacancy was appointed to be made on Sabbath week.

Some matters of finance were attended to—and supplies of vacant congregations and stations were fixed till next meeting of Presbytery.

T. WIGHTMAN, Pres. Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

The Presbytery of Brockville met at Spencer-ville on the 7th November, when the following, among other matters, occupied the attention of the court. Records of Session as required by the Presbytery, were presented for examination, and a committee appointed to examine them and report. Reports from the several ministers of the Presbytery were given regarding the Collection for the Buxton Mission and Synod Fund. All the congregations had taken up the collection. The Clerk reported that he had furnished the Rev. James Sinclair with all the papers ordered to be given him by the Presbytery, in terms of the deliverance at last meeting. Messrs. Smart and McMurray and A. Sherwood, Esq., Elder, were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for holding the meetings connected with the Presbytery missionary work.

Mr. Thomas Chambers was reported as having arrived as the Missionary appointed to this Presbytery by the Home Mission Committee,—Messrs. Smart and McMurray to arrange his appointments.

The Clerk was instructed to communicate with the several congregations of the Presbytery, informing them that the Presbytery would require a statement to be presented at next meeting, showing what was the annual stipend paid to each minister, and remind them of the deliverance of Synod on the subject.

The Rev. W. J. Macdowell tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge, stating as one of his reasons for taking this step, that he had received a call from a church in the United States to become its pastor. The Presbytery having considered the subject, resolved, that it would not be expedient to take any decided

action in the matter, inasmuch as Mr. Macdowell's loss to the Presbytery could not be well borne, and therefore in the mean time could not receive his resignation. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Prescott, on the first Tuesday of February, 1855, at 11 o'clock, p.m.

The Missionary meetings of the Presbytery of Brockville will be held at the following times and places:—

Brockville, Tuesday, January 2nd, 1855, 7, p.m.  
Bellamyville, Pres. Ch. Wednesday, 3rd, 6, p.m.  
Moore's School-house, Thursday, 4th, 6, p.m.  
Young Presbyterian Ch., Friday, 5th, 6, p.m.  
Charleston School-house, Monday, 8th, 6, p.m.  
Bedford (Acheson's) Tuesday, 9th, 1, p.m.  
Westport School-house, Tuesday, 9th, 6, p.m.  
Newboro' Sch.-house, Wednesday, 10th, 6, p.m.  
Beverly School-house, Thursday, 11th, 6, p.m.  
Prescott, Tuesday, February 6th, 4-p 6, p.m.  
Edwardsburgh Front Ch., Wednesday 7th, 1, p.m.  
Spencer-ville Pres. Ch., Wednesday, 7th, 6, p.m.  
South Gower Pres. Ch., Thursday, 8th, 10, a.m.  
Mountain Pres. Church, Thursday, 8th, 6, p.m.  
Oxford Mills Presby. Ch., Friday, 9th, 10, a.m.  
Kemptville Gr. Sch.-house, " 9th, 4-p 6, p.m.

A collection will be taken at each meeting for the Presbytery's Mission Fund.

By order of the Presbytery,  
JOHN McMURRAY, Clerk.

Brockville, Dec. 14, 1854.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

To be held within the bounds of the Presbytery of Toronto, adopted at its meeting held in the City of Toronto, on Tuesday, 31st October, 1854.

## SECTION 1.

Toronto, Knox's Church and Cook's Church; Weston and Lambton; Vaughan and King, (English); Markham, Brown's Corners, and Melville Church; York Mills and Fisherville; Scarboro, Knox and Melville Churches; Whitby, Front and Rear.

Committee.—Dr. Burns, Messrs. Reid, Harris, Adams, Wightman, Boyd, Finlay, Laing, and the Professors in Knox's College; Mr. Wightman, Convener.

## SECTION 2.

Vaughan and King, (Gaelic); West Gwillimbury and Bradford; Barrie, Innisfil, &c.; Oro, Orillia, &c.; Thorah, Eldon, &c.; Brock and Reach.

Committee.—Messrs. Meldrum, Lowry, McKenzie, Gray, McTavish, and Mitchell; Mr. Lowry, Convener.

## SECTION 3.

Oakville and Dundas Street; Streecsville; East Toronto and Chinguacousy; Union and Norval; Acton and Boston; Erin and West Caledon; Mono and East Caledon.

Committee.—Messrs. McLachlan, Holmes, Ure, Alexander, and Nisbet; Mr. Holmes, Convener.

## REGULATIONS.

1. Each Convener will be expected to correspond with each of the members of the Committee without delay, to ascertain what places within the bounds of his ministerial charge will require to be visited, and the most convenient hours for the meetings, allowing sufficient time to travel between the stations.

2. On the data thus obtained, each Convener shall make arrangements for the whole of the meetings to be held within the bounds assigned to his charge, of which arrangement he shall give at least three weeks' notice to each of the members of his Committee.

3. Each Minister in replying to the communication of the Convener of his Committee, shall state whether he thinks it will be advisable to have preaching at any, (and if so, what?) station under his charge.

4. That the Convener to the Presbytery be requested to prepare a Statement of the Presbytery's Accounts, together with any observations on the state of the Home Mission field within our bounds, and which may be considered useful, and any arrangements which the Presbytery may contemplate to meet the existing demand, the same to be printed, and copies to be forwarded to the several Convener within one month from this date.

5. Each Convener shall be expected to be prepared with a report to lay before the Presbytery at its meeting in March, 1855.

## OPENING OF NEW CHURCH, AND ORDINATION OF MINISTER, AT DURHAM, ORNSTOWN, C. E.

A new Free Presbyterian Church has been erected in the village of Durham, Ormstown, at the sole expense of the congregation, without any extraneous aid. The Church was opened for Divine Service, on Wednesday, 29th Nov., by the Rev. D. Fraser, of Montreal, who took for his text, *Rev. xiv. 6*. The Church was filled with an impressed and attentive audience. After sermon, Mr. Robert McArthur, Probationer, was ordained as Minister by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery of Montreal. Mr. Fraser proposed the usual question, and offered the ordination prayer. Mr. Campbell, of Cornwall, addressed the Minister, and Mr. Anderson, of Lancaster, the people, both in appropriate terms. In the evening of the same day, the Presbytery inducted Mr. McArthur into the pastoral charge of the congregation of St. Louis de Gonzague, conjointly with that of Durham. On that occasion, Mr. Anderson preached a truly evangelical sermon, from *Gal. vi. 14*. Mr. Fraser concluded the services by an affectionate and urgent address to the people.

## ORDINATION AT ENGLISH RIVER.

On Thursday, 30th Nov., the Presbytery of Montreal ordained Mr. John Milne, Probationer, to be Minister of the Gospel, at English River. The services were conducted by the same ministers who officiated on the previous day at Durham. Mr. Campbell, of Cornwall, preached with great zeal from *Zech. iii. 2*, and offered the ordination prayer. Mr. Fraser, of Montreal, proposed the questions, and delivered the charge to the young Minister. Mr. Anderson, of Lancaster, followed with an excellent charge to the congregation. The settlement of two evangelical ministers in contiguous congregations, during the same week, is a most auspicious event for the district.—May the Divine Head of the Church seal it with his approbation.

## OPENING OF NEW CHURCH, WATER-DOWN.

The new stone Church at Waterdown, was opened on the 27th of August. The pastor preached in the morning from *Gen. xxviii. 17*. The Rev. Robert Irvine of Hamilton in the afternoon, from *James v. 16*, latter clause, and in the evening the Rev. Mr. Gordon of the Church of Scotland, on the "*Cities of Refuge*." The day was fine, the house was crowded, the audience most attentive, and the collections ample, amounting to about £30. currency. The evangelical denominations of the place set a pleasing example,—they gave up their own appointments, and gave their presence and their means to aid us in our cause.

The people of Waterdown are worthy of many thanks, and much praise for giving an example of self-reliance in building a house to the Lord. The building committee are about free from debt, the whole of the means being raised either in the place, or from those who had something more