

The Clerk was instructed to assess the congregations within the bounds for the Presbytery Fund of 1873, according to a ratis adopted by the meeting.

Rev. W. Reid, of Toronto, was unanimously nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly.

Rev. R. H. Warden, of Bothwell, was unanimously nominated as Mission-Secretary of the Church.

The Presbytery took into consideration the propriety of altering the bounds of the Ridgetown charge. Commissioners from the several sections were heard; and the Presbytery resolved to hold a special meeting in the Ridgetown Church, on Thursday, 23rd January at 11 a. m., for the purpose of more fully discussing and deciding the matter. The Clerk was instructed to cite to this meeting the parties interested with instructions to the Haggart's Settlement, Duart and Ridgetown Congregations to be prepared to state what amounts respectively they can raise towards the support of ordinances.

It is confidently expected that the result of this meeting will be the increase of the stipend in *two* charges to at least \$600 per annum each, in both of which it has heretofore been under this sum.

A letter was read from the Rev. Mr Lafontaine, St. Anne, Ill., stating that the Rev. C. Chiniquy was seriously ill, and asking at his request an interest in the prayers of the Presbytery.

An informal report was received from the congregation of East Tilbury to the effect that said congregation were making an effort to increase Mr. Forrest's stipend to \$600 per annum. The Clerk was instructed to learn the result of this effort, so as to be able to report at next regular meeting.

Messrs. Simpson and Staniforth, Elders, were appointed a committee to visit Botany and the Indian Reserve Congregations with a view of securing from them an increase of their Minister's stipend.

Rev. A. McColl reported having administered in conjunction with the Rev. A. Sutherland, of Ekfrid, the ordinance of the Lord's Supper at Dover, at which place Mr. Robert Angus was elected and ordained as an elder. Rev. W. King presented the claims of the Presbyterian population of Belle River who are anxious to have regular preaching among them. Mr. Chisholm addressed the Court offering to give gratuitously several eligible lots in the village on which to erect church premises; he also volunteered to canvass the surrounding district for funds with which to build a church. The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered Mr. Chisholm, his liberal offer accepted, and the matter left in the meantime in his hands and those of Mr. King.

Interesting reports were given by several of the brethren who had recently visited the Sombra field. A number of elders have recently been elected, and Messrs. Waddell and McColl were appointed to ordain these elders as follows: Sombra village, on Tuesday, 4th February at 7 p.m., Black Creek on Wednesday, 5th February, at 7 p.m., and at Bear Creek on Thursday, 6th February, at 7 p.m.

A scheme of missionary meetings was submitted by Mr. Becket, which was adopted, and instructions given to have the scheme printed and distributed on an early day.

Rev. R. H. Warden read an essay on the "Statistics and general working of Home Missions in the various Canadian Churches." On motion of Mr. Forrest the thanks of the Presbytery were tendered Mr. Warden, who was requested to have two thousand copies of the essay printed in pamphlet form, at the expense of the Presbytery, for distribution among the congregations within the bounds.

The Presbytery agreed to hold its next regular meeting in Wellington street church, Chatham, on Tuesday, 25th March, at 11 a.m., and was closed with the benediction

R. H. WARDEN, Pres. Clerk.