

A petition for the moderating in of a call, was also presented from the north of Bruce, on which the Presbytery appointed the Rev. James McNaughton to moderate in a call there, on Wednesday, the 12th of September.

A third petition for the moderating in of a call, was presented from Kincardine; but as the call was intended to be in favor of the Rev. Neil Bethune, action in this petition was rendered unnecessary, from Mr. Bethune having accepted of the call from Thamesford.

A petition was presented from the village of St. Mary's, signed by the representatives of twenty-four families, praying that they might be organized into a congregation in connection with the Presbytery, and supplied with missionary service, until they might be able to obtain a settled pastor. The Presbytery agreed to grant the prayer of the petition, and appointed the Rev. Thomas MacPherson, and the Rev. John Scott, to organise a congregation there on the last Wednesday of September.

The Rev. John Ross, and Mr. William Clarke, were appointed a Committee on Finance, for the purpose of examining the Financial Returns, and corresponding with congregations that may have neglected any of the stated Synodical or Presbyterial Collections.

The business of missionary supplies having been taken up, the following appointments were given to missionaries:—

The Rev. John Gauld was appointed to Tilbury for four weeks, and in the case of Mr. Porterfield's resignation being accepted, thereafter to Plympton.

The Rev. Neil Bethune, between this date and the time of his induction, to Fingal and Dunwich.

The Rev. James Ferguson, to Bosanquet, for five weeks, and afterwards to Bear Creek for four.

The Rev. Daniel Clarke, to Lobo and Caradoc, for four weeks, to Dunwich East for two weeks, and to Wallaceston for three weeks.

Mr. McMullen's former appointment to Mitchell, was changed to Port Burwell.

To members of Presbytery the following appointments were given:—

For South Dorchester, the Rev. Lachlan McPherson was appointed to give the second Sabbath of September, and Rev. W. S. Ball to give another Sabbath at any time convenient for himself before the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

For Mitchel, the Rev. W. Graham to give a Sabbath sometime in September.

For Zorra East, the Rev. D. McDiarmid to give a Sabbath afternoon, and the Rev. W. S. Ball a week-day service, before next meeting of Presbytery.

For Wardsville, the Rev. W. R. Sutherland to give the first Sabbath of September, and the Rev. W. King to give two other Sabbaths before next meeting of Presbytery.

For Grey and Morris, the Rev. John Ross to give a week sometime in September.

The opening of the new Church on the Currie Road in Dunwich, was appointed to take place on the first Sabbath in September, and the Rev. W. Bethune was appointed to preach on the occasion.

The holy ordinance of the Lord's Supper was appointed to be dispensed at the following stations:—

At Wallaceston on the fourth Sabbath of September, by the Rev. W. R. Sutherland, assisted by the Rev. Daniel Clarke.

At Fingal on the second Sabbath of October, by the Rev. D. McMillan and Daniel Allan.

At Ridgerton by the Rev. Angus McColl, sometime before the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at London, on the second Wednesday of October, at ten o'clock, a. m.

J. Scott, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Presbytery of Toronto met in Toronto, on the 11th, and at Whitty on the 12th of September. The following sketch contains a notice of the principal matters before the Court:—

The Reports of Committees being called for, a note was read from Mr. Gray, Convener of the Committee, on Schemo of Presbyterial Visitation, intimating that the report of said committee was not quite ready.

Mr. Reid requested that the Committee on Examination of Students had examined Mr. G. Ferguson, and recommended him to prosecute his studies meanwhile, with a view to his entering Knox's College in November, of which the Presbytery approved.

Mr. Lowry, Convener of Committee on Sabbath Observance, reported to the effect, that the Committee had held communication with the Directors of the Northern Railway, remonstrating with them against railway traffic on the Lord's day, but, hitherto, with very little prospect of success. The Presbytery received the report and continued the Committee.

Dr. Burns brought before the Presbytery a matter for advice, from Rev. J. Black of Red River, being the case of a person who, having married a second wife while his first wife was still living, applied for the ordinance of baptism. After mature deliberation, the following motion was agreed to, viz:—

The Presbytery are unanimously of opinion, that Mr. Black and the session have acted right in declining to receive into fellowship Murdoch McDonald, in the circumstances of his case; and the Presbytery feel gratified in thinking that our Church is now represented in that remote settlement, by brethren who are prepared to maintain the interests of sound principle, and strict moral discipline at all hazards.

A case from the session of Knox's Church, Toronto, was referred to the Presbytery for advice, viz, as to whether members only, or adherents, also being seat-holders, are entitled to give in objections to the ordination of elders? After due deliberation, the following motion was agreed to without a vote, viz:—

The Presbytery are of opinion, that adherents having seats in Knox's Church, are entitled to give in grounds of objection of any kind to the ordination of elders elect.

The Session Records that had not been submitted to the Presbytery were called for, but only three were given in, viz: those of E. Toronto, Union and Norval, and Whitty. The following sessions who have hitherto neglected to submit their records to the Presbytery, are urgently requested to do so without farther delay, viz:—W. Gwillimbury, Vaughan, Acton, Streetsville, King, also Cooke's Church, Toronto, Markham, Brock and Reach.

Ministers officiating in vacant congregations and stations, were authorised by the Presbytery to act as Moderators of session, *pro tem*, whenever cause appears.

A deputation from Cooke's Church, Toronto, appeared, and requested the Presbytery to moderate in a call to the Rev. W. Richey of Coleraine, Ireland, which request was granted; and the Presbytery met accordingly the same evening, in Cooke's Church, to moderate in and otherwise aid further said call. Mr. Lowry preached and presided. In presence of the Presbytery a call to Mr. Richey, containing guarantee of stipend, was pretty numerously signed, and then submitted to the Court, and sustained. It has since been forwarded to the Clerk of the Presbytery of Coleraine, with the request that it be laid before that Court, and disposed of without any unnecessary delay; and the Rev. Dr. Willis, J. Bonar, Edinburgh, and W. McClure of Derry, have been appointed commissioners to prosecute Mr. Richey's translation.

Rev. A. C. Geikie, according to appointment preached before the Presbytery, from Nehe-

miah, vii. 2. The Presbytery were fully satisfied with the discourse. Whereupon, on a review of the whole of the conference with Mr. Geikie, the Presbytery on motion, agreed to the following deliverance, viz:—

The Presbytery having in terms of a former minute, obtained satisfactory evidence in regard to the good character and standing of Mr. A. C. Geikie, in the Congregational Church, and being fully satisfied with the result of the whole of their conference in reference to his views of doctrine and Church Government, and also in regard to his course of professional study, agree to record their entire satisfaction in the premises, and accordingly instruct the Clerk to write the circular letters required in such cases, with a view to Mr. Geikie's admission into this Church.

On Wednesday the 12th, the Presbytery met at Whitty, and resumed consideration of the case of Mr. Findlay's resignation; Dr. Burns preached and presided. Mr. Findlay and the parties formerly before the court, as also several others, were heard. Mr. Findlay being asked if he still insisted on the Presbytery's accepting his resignation, replied that he left the matter in the hands of the Presbytery.

After lengthened deliberation on the whole circumstances of the case, the Presbytery feeling a difficulty in coming to a final decision, agreed to meet again to take up this matter on Wednesday, the 3rd of October, at 2 o'clock, p. m., at Whitty; and at 7 o'clock, same evening at the rear station. The Congregations to be requested to attend—there will be sermon at both places.

At Mr. Findlay's request, the Presbytery appointed Mr. P. Anderson, Elder in Reach, to act as an assessor along with Mr. Haron, until more elders be ordained in Whitty.

T. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE AND OTTAWA.

This Presbytery met at Perth, on the 4th of September. There were present eleven ministers and five elders. The following is a summary of the business transacted:—

It was found that the collection for the French Canadian Missionary Society had been taken up in all the congregations represented. The clerk was instructed to write to the absent brethren ancient this matter.

Committees were appointed for the examination of the students within the bounds, previously to their return to college.

Mr. Melville, agreeably to an intimation given at a former meeting, craved leave to demit his charge. The Presbytery, on a conjunct view of the reasons assigned by Mr. Melville, and the recommendation of the commission appointed to visit Pembroke, agreed to accept of the demission, and appointed Mr. Gourlay to preach in Pembroke, on the 16th instant, and declare the church vacant.

The Presbytery appointed Mr. Melville to labor, in the meantime, in Edwardsburgh, and instructed the clerk to give him a Presbyterial certificate, in the event of his leaving the bounds before next meeting.

A letter from parties in Lyn, was read. The Presbytery readily agreed to supply that station with missionary services, in connection with Yongo.

The following arrangement for supplying the vacant congregations and stations, was adopted:

Edwardsburgh, 16th September, Mr. McDonald; 23rd and 30th, Mr. Melville; Merrickville and Bellamyville; 16th September, Mr. Smith; 7th and 14th October, Mr. Troup—Yonge and Lyn, Mr. Troup, with the exceptions above made; N. Gower; Mr. P. Duncan, during the month of October; West Port, after 16th September, Mr. McDonald; Mansfield and Westmeath, September, Mr. P. Duncan; thereafter,