

An extract minute of the Presbytery of Simcoe was read, having reference to a petition presented to them from Holland Landing; and it was agreed, notwithstanding that said village is within the bounds of the Presbytery of Toronto, to leave the forementioned Presbytery, in the meantime, to take what action they may see fit, both as regards the disposing of the petition and the providing of continued preaching to the petitioners.

A committee previously appointed to visit Aurora and Newmarket reported very favorably there anent. And besides acknowledging the diligence of the committee in the premises, it was resolved to entrust the Home Mission Committee with the giving of supply to said villages as regularly as possible. At a subsequent stage it was resolved to take steps for organizing a regular congregation at Aurora, it having been found from competent testimony, that the people of said station are desirous of being thus organized, and for this purpose Messrs. Duncan and Monteath were appointed to meet with applicants on the 2nd of October; notification of this to be given on the day immediately preceding. As to Newmarket, a church organization exists there already.

An interim report was received anent the proposed station at Sandford, and as Mr. King might not be able to appear at the first meeting of the Presbytery of Ontario in regard to this matter, Mr. Gregg was appointed an alternate.

Mr. Alexander M'Lellan, a member of Cooke's Church, and Messrs. T. F. Fotheringham and John R. Wightman, members of Gould Street Church, Toronto, were reported as desirous of being theological students in Knox College, and after being duly examined as to their motives in aspiring towards the work of the ministry, it was agreed to recommend them in due form to the Board of Examiners.

On behalf of a sub-committee appointed by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, Mr. King applied to the Presbytery for the ordination of Mr. Geo. Bryce, who had undertaken the Professorship of the Collegiate Institute in Manitoba, and intimated that Mr. Bryce was ready to deliver his trials, so that in the event of their being satisfactory the Presbytery might ordain him in the evening. After considerable reasoning, it was moved by Professor Young and seconded by Mr. Dick, that though the minute of the Assembly regarding the appointment of a Professor to the Collegiate Institute in Manitoba makes no mention of ministerial work to be done by the Head of the College, yet as it is known to be the mind of the Assembly that such work should form a part of the Professor's duty, and it is important, in view of such work, that the Professor should be an ordained minister, this Presbytery resolves, in accordance with the request of the sub-committee of the Home Mission Committee, to take Mr. Bryce on trials with a view to his ordination. In amendment, it was moved by Dr. Jennings, and seconded by Mr. Monteath, that this application be not granted. The amendment and the motion were then successively put to the vote, and the motion was carried by a large majority. From this decision Dr. Jennings and Mr. Monteath craved leave to enter their dissent. At a subsequent stage Mr. Bryce delivered his trials, which were sustained; and it was resolved to ordain him in the evening. Mr. George L. McKay also delivered his trials, which were likewise sustained. In the evening,—viz., of the 19th,—the Presbytery, conjointly with the Foreign Mission Committee, met in Gould Street Church for the purpose of ordaining the two young brethren. A sermon was preached by Mr. King on Psalm lxxii, 17, "*His name shall endure for ever*," and also narrated the previous steps. The questions of the formula were put by the Moderator, Mr. Pringle, and answered satisfactorily, after which, by prayer and the laying on of hands, the said brethren were set apart to the work of the Ministry, and designated to the several fields of labour whereunto they had been called. The right hand of fellowship was then given to them. Subsequently suitable addresses were given—to Mr. McKay by Mr. M'Laren; to Mr. Bryce by Mr. Laing; and to the assembled congregation by Mr. Meikle. At the request of the moderator, Dr. Topp led in the exercise of prayer, and the whole proceedings were closed with the benediction.