

and so different in their circumstances as are many of our Mission stations and necessitous churches.

3rdly. In our apprehension the management and distribution of a Central Fund by a Central Committee would not be likely to give satisfaction to the Church at large, and would give rise to endless misunderstandings and difficulties. It would further divest the Mission work of local interest, lessen the responsibilities of Presbyteries, and limit the aggregate contributions for Home Mission purposes from congregations.

It is therefore recommended to the Synod, viz:—

1st. That the Presbyteries of the Church be grouped together into convenient districts, and that such associated Presbyteries be jointly charged with the prosecution of the general Missionary work within their bounds in so far as regards the raising of necessary funds from congregations for the assistance of Mission stations and weak charges, the allocation of Missionaries and Probationers to their several spheres of labour, and otherwise taking a general oversight of the spiritual destitution within their districts.

2nd. That said associated Presbyteries send annual reports to the Synod, make application for Missionaries to the Committee for the distribution of Missionaries in the same way as Presbyteries do at present, and that to them instead of to Presbyteries all Missionaries and Probationers be appointed.

3rd. That the Eastern Missionary district comprise the Presbyteries of Ottawa, Brockville, and Montreal.

The consideration of the other remits of Synod were deferred till next meeting.

Mr. Kemp was appointed to represent the Presbytery at the Home Mission Committee to meet in April next, and to ask supplies for Mille Isles, Frampton, Laguerre, Metis, Kennebec, Alexandria, &c.

Mr. Eadie, student, having been transferred from the Presbytery of Hamilton to that of Montreal for license, passed the remainder of his examinations with approbation, and was licensed in due form.

The Clerk was instructed to summon the next meeting of the Presbytery by circular.

Adjourned, to meet in the Vestry of Cote Street Church for ordinary business on the second Wednesday (14th) of May next, at 11 o'clock A. M.

ALEX. F. KEMP, *Presbytery Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

This Presbytery met at Perth on the evening of the 4th of February. The opening sermon was preached by Mr. Wardrope of Ottawa. There were present eleven ministers and six elders.

The Presbytery appointed the Clerk, Mr. Duncan, Mr. D. Kennedy, elder, a Finance Committee, to whom were referred all papers bearing on finances, and the reports of the Missionaries labouring within the bounds.

The Conveners of the several committees on Missionary meetings gave in reports of their operations in their respective sections. It is estimated that upwards of \$300 will be added to the funds by the collections taken up.

At a former meeting the Presbytery had appointed a committee to frame a series of questions to be answered by Missionaries. These questions—eighteen in number—were now presented in a printed form and adopted. They are to be sent to the vacant congregations and Mission stations as well as to the Missionaries.

An appointment was given to Mr. T. Wardrope to moderate in a call in Wakefield, and to Mr. D. Wardrope to a similar duty in Pembroke.

The Committee on Presbyterial Visitations was reappointed, with instructions to meet shortly, mature a plan, and have the same printed for review at next ordinary meeting.

There was presented a petition from the congregation of Pakenham for a supplement of \$60 to the minister's stipend as guaranteed by the late U. P. Presbytery of Durham. The Presbytery ordered the same to be transmitted to the Synod's Central Board.

A petition from Fitzroy Harbour for a part of the ministerial services of Mr. Scott of Pakenham, led to the appointment of a deputation of Presbytery to visit the localities concerned. The deputation consists of the Moderator and Clerk, with Mr. McKinnon and Mr. McKenzie, ministers, and Mr. Toshach, elder.