

Carriek—23rd Sept., by Messrs. Beattie and John McWilliam.

Balmont—23rd Sept., by Mr. Lachlan McPherson

Vienna—2nd Sept., by Mr. W.T. McMullen.

Petitions were received praying for the ordination of Elders from Ashfield, North Bruce, Culross and Carriek. The Presbytery agreed that steps be taken for the formation of a Kirk Session at the aforesaid Stations, at the time appointed for the ordinances of the Lord's Supper, to be dispensed there.

The Rev. Wm. T. McMullen was appointed Moderator of the Presbytery for ensuing nine months.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at London, on Tuesday the seventh day of August, at two o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM DOAK, Pres. Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Presbytery of Toronto met in the usual place, on the 18th ult. The following are the principal items of business before the Presbytery:—

In accordance with the prayer of a numerous signed petition, the Presbytery agreed to organize as a congregation, the Mission Station in the west of the city, and appointed a committee for that purpose.

A Committee consisting of Mr. Wightman and Mr. Gray, was appointed to organize a congregation in West Essa.

Mr. F. McCuaig, student of Divinity, delivered his trial discourses and underwent the usual examination, and the Presbytery taking a conjoint view of the whole, agreed to license him to preach the Gospel. After prayer by Principal Withis, this was accordingly done.

The Presbytery considered maturely the subject of a mission to Indians, in connexion with Red River. A Committee was appointed to take steps as speedily as possible towards securing a Missionary and providing funds, and to report to the Presbytery, at a special meeting of which the Moderator was instructed to summon, when requested by the Committee.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed to take place in Toronto, on 1st Tuesday of October.

W. GREGG, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The Presbytery of Kingston held its ordinary annual meeting at Picton, on Tuesday 10th July. There was a good attendance of members and elders. The Rev. R. C. Swinton was appointed Moderator for the ensuing twelve months.

The Home Mission Committee gave in an interesting Report of the Home Mission operations within the bounds of the Presbytery. Mr. Kellough has been labouring for some time in the Stations at Trenton and Consecou, and Mr. Gillics at those of Ballynahinch, Harrowsmith and Odessa.

The following appointments, in connection with the Home Mission work, were made by the Presbytery, Rev. Mr. Swinton to dispense sealing ordinances at Trenton, and Rev. W. McLaren at Consecou, as soon as convenient before next ordinary meeting.

Rev. T. S. Chambers, and Rev. P. Gray, Ministers, and James Stewart, Elder, were appointed a committee to organize the congregation at Ballynahinch and associated Stations, and also to dispense sealing ordinances before next ordinary meeting.

Rev. A. Wilson, and Rev. H. Gordon, Ministers, and James McLaughlin, Elder, were appointed a committee to take steps to organize the congregation of Lansdowne, and to dispense sealing ordinances, if they see meet, before next ordinary meeting. Sessions Records, not previously handed in, having been called for, those of Madoc and Chalmers' Church, Kingston, were ordered to be laid on the table at next ordinary meeting.

Mr. McLaren gave notice, that at next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, he purposed bringing up the subject of University College.

The Rev. P. Gray, of Kingston, the retiring Moderator, preached in the evening before the Presbytery. There was a good attendance of the members of the Picton congregation.

Next ordinary meeting appointing to be held in Kingston, and within Brock Street Church, on the second Tuesday in October, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Moderator was appointed to preach in the evening before the Presbytery.

A. MACALISTER.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION—JUNE, 1860.

The Committee having corresponded with the several Presbyteries of the Church on the State of Religion within their bounds, here present the substance of the information obtained.

The Church seems to be steadily advancing during the past year in general activity and outward prosperity. From several Presbyteries there is reported an improvement in the attendance on the public means of grace—on the preaching of the Word, the instruction of Sabbath Schools, and the exercises of Prayer-meetings; and also an increase in the number of Sabbath Schools and Prayer-meetings. The corresponding member of one Presbytery remarks that at the conference of Presbytery on the State of Religion, "the general feeling was that matters were improving" in these respects—and another correspondent says that "in all cases the attendance on ordinances keeps up well in spite of the heavy drain on some of our congregations produced by the pressure of the times." A third states that "the outward prosperity of many of the congregations seems steadily advancing"—and a fourth, in specifying Sabbath Schools, says, that they "have been largely attended and zealously conducted."

Special means for the maintenance and revival of vital religion seem to have been observed to a less or greater degree by all the Presbyteries and Congregations of the Church. Besides Presbyterial conferences on the State of Religion and prayer for its revival, there have been the preaching of special sermons on the subject, concert prayer-meetings, and in some instances, the daily preaching of the Gospel for a time. The concert for prayer during the month of January, appears to have been very gene-

rally, if not universally kept; either in a Congregational form, or in union with the general Christian community; and in many instances the meetings thereby originated, were continued for a lengthened period. From one Presbytery we are informed that a sermon on the nature and importance of a Revival of Religion was recommended to be preached on a specified Sabbath in all the Congregations, and a diet of worship to be spent in special prayer with reference to this subject, and that attention was generally given to this recommendation.

On the subject of the fruits of the means of grace, we have not the happiness of reporting anything like a general revival of the work of the Lord amongst us. Our land is still dry and thirsty as compared with many other portions of the Lord's vineyard which have been so abundantly refreshed with a remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit. While on some part of the Continent of Europe, in Wales, Ireland, and more lately in Scotland, the additions to the Church have been by hundreds, or even thousands, the number of repenting sinners with us have been but in ones, or at most in tens. Still though it is yet with us the day of small things, the results are such as to indicate the Lord's faithfulness to Zion, and give occasion for thankfulness and encouragement. There has been in many parts more than a usual interest in the means of grace, and in some instances decided evidence of the presence and power of the Lord. This will be seen from the following extracts which we give from the letters received from corresponding members:—It is not too much to assert that in several portions of the Presbytery "drops from heaven have fallen" by which we have been animated to pray more earnestly and to labour more energetically for the plentiful rain with which so many other departments of the Lord's heritage have been favoured. And referring to information given at the conference of Presbytery, he states that one brother testified to some ten or twelve who, he had good ground to believe, had been brought to the saving knowledge of the truth under his ministry, another to four or six, and others to numbers greater or smaller, of whom they had reason to cherish favourable hopes—and he mentions the special case of a thoughtless youth who, after a residence of two years in Canada, returned to his native country—Scotland—a thoroughly changed man, and whose pastor there, having been lately on a visit to Canada, brought the intelligence that this young man owed his saving impression of divine truth, to one of the brethren in this Presbytery. And lastly, the writer referring to the conferences of the Presbytery to which he belongs, remarks that, all the brethren present reported several individual instances of awakening and concern, which had come under their notice in their several Congregations. And one Brother reported that there had been a very hopeful movement among the young men of his Congregation, that during the past year there had been a considerable number of the most intelligent and active of them brought under concern, and led to make a public profession of religion. From another Presbytery the corresponding member, speaking of the results of the special meeting held for prayer and the preaching of the Word says,—"about the results of