

The collection on Tuesday evening for Sabbath school purposes was \$14.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Cornwall, on the 13th inst. The two congregations in Roxborough were united. The Rev. John Fraser, Convener of the Committee appointed to visit all the congregations within the bounds, read a report of his proceedings, which was adopted. This report recommended an increase of stipend; and it is said that some congregations have already set a good example by adopting the proposed measure. A call from the Lancaster congregation, in favour of the Rev. James Welwood, Cote des Neiges, was sustained, and ordered to be forwarded to the Montreal Presbytery. Assessors were granted to assist at the ordination of elders, in Knox Church, Dalhousie Mills. The Moderator stated that he had received a letter from the Rev. Donald Ross, late minister of Lancaster, asking to have his name retained on the Presbytery roll, as an ordained missionary. It was agreed, after some discussion, to grant the request—two members dissenting. A minute, referring to the lamented demise of the Rev. Professor Mackerras, and the loss sustained by the Church in consequence, was unanimously adopted and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes. The Rev. Alex. McGillivray was appointed Convener on Sabbath schools, to whom the blank returns are to be forwarded. The consideration of the remits sent down by the General Assembly was deferred until next meeting, owing to the lateness of the hour—twelve p.m.—as the report of the deputation occupied the whole of the evening sederunt. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Lancaster on the second Tuesday in March.—*HUGH LAMONT, Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This court met in Hamilton, on the 20th inst. There were twenty-five ministers and five elders present. Mr. S. C. Frazer was appointed Moderator of Session at Burlington. Mr. Bruce reported that he had organized a congregation at South with a communion roll consisting of eight admitted by examination, one by certificate, and two aged persons who were members of the church which existed in that place many years ago. The efficient labours of Mr. Hutt have been chiefly instrumental in accomplishing this happy result. The field is now most hopeful. The congregation of Dunnville, finding themselves unable to raise more than \$400 for stipend, applied for assistance. The Presbytery resolved to make inquiry as to the propriety of opening a mission station in connection with Dunnville before applying for an increase of supplement. Drs. James and McDonald were appointed to visit Vittoria in reference to the arrears of stipend reported. The fourth Report of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society was received, and the Presbytery recorded its approval of the work done by the ladies and congratulated them on their diligence and success. Leave was granted to the congregation to sell St. Paul's Church, Simcoe. A report on Presbyterial visitations was presented, but it was judged not expedient to enter on this matter at present. The Sabbath school Conference was appointed to be held in St. Catharines on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 24th and 25th February prox., and Sessions were instructed to send in their reports to the Rev. Geo. Burson, St. Catharines. Mr. J. H. Simpson having connected himself with the Thorold congregation, the committee formerly appointed to counsel him were charged to superintend his studies, and correspond with the authorities of Knox College in reference to his case. A call to St. Anne's and Wellandport, to the Rev. S. R. Warrender, was sustained and accepted. The induction will take place on Tuesday, February 3rd, at one o'clock p.m., in the church at St. Anne's, Mr. McIntyre to preside, Mr. Cleland to preach, Mr. McEwen to address the minister, and Dr. James the people. Arrangements were made for seeing that all the congregations send contributions to the Home Mission Fund. It was resolved that reports on the state of religion be sent to the Rev. Thos. Goldsmith, in time for the preparation of the report for the Synod. On the remittance the status of retired ministers, it was resolved: that the names of ministers who have been permitted by the General Assembly to retire on account of old age or infirmity, and who continue to reside within the bounds of the Presbytery to which they belonged, should be retained on the rolls of Presbyteries. The remittance a Presbyterian University was then

considered, when it was moved by Mr. Chrystal, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that the principle of the proposed Act be approved. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Bruce, that the principle be not approved; but that the Presbytery is of opinion that the University of Toronto, and McGill University, Montreal, should be memorialized by the General Assembly with the view of obtaining for the students of the Theological Colleges affiliated with them the privilege of obtaining Degrees in Divinity through these Universities. The Presbytery adjourned before any decision was arrived at.—*JOHN LAING, Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—This Presbytery met on Monday last in St. Andrew's Church, London, a large number of members, both ministers and elders, present. A call from Brigden and Bear Creek congregations addressed to Mr. McDonald, of Wallace-town, was read, and afterwards accepted by Mr. McDonald. Some discussion arose in reference to the advisability of the translation. Rev. G. D. Sutherland was glad to see the craving after the Word expressed by the Wallace-town congregation. He thought the Presbytery should take some step towards providing for a thorough supervision of the financial system of all congregations, and this would doubtless obviate such occurrences as at present appeared at Wallace-town. The Rev. Mr. Murray thought the Presbyterians were drifting into the Methodist system. He found that the average duration of settlement of the Presbyterian ministers was but a very little longer than that of the Methodist Church. He regretted the inroads of itinerancy. He thought that Mr. McDonald's opinion and wishes should be respected. The induction was fixed to take place at Bear Creek on the 10th February, at eleven o'clock, Rev. Mr. McRobie to preach and preside, Rev. Mr. Thompson to address the minister, and Rev. G. Cuthbertson to address the people. A call from Kintyre, to the Rev. John Stewart, late of Kincardine, was laid before the Presbytery, and accepted by Mr. Stewart. The induction was fixed to take place on the 3rd February. A call to the Rev. Mr. Goldie of Delaware, from Watford and Main Road congregations was presented. It was resolved that the different parties should be cited, and the whole matter issued at a special meeting of Presbytery, to be held at Brigden. Moderations were granted to the congregations of Wardsville and Newbury, and to those of Lobo and Caradoc. Mr. Rees, an ex-Baptist minister, made application to be received into the Presbyterian Church, and a committee was appointed to meet with him and report. The appeal of Mr. Munro against the action of Rev. J. S. Murray, was set aside as informal,—not having come through the Session. A petition was presented from the congregation of Springfield, applying for permission to sever the connection between that congregation and Aylmer, Springfield wishing the Presbytery to make arrangements to have their pulpit supplied by members of the Presbytery once a fortnight until the close of the present session of Knox College; also that the Presbytery open negotiations with the Paris Presbytery with a view to forming a union, if possible, between the Springfield and Cullo-den congregations, the latter congregation being within the bounds of the Paris Presbytery; also applying for a continuation of the supplement of \$2 per week. The Presbytery agreed to supply the pulpit until the 1st April. The report from Sessions on special appeal for Home Missions was taken up. Quite a number reported in terms of the Presbytery's injunction. Considerable discussion ensued as to whether the contributions taken up in response to the Moderator's appeal were to cover the whole year's requirements. In reference to the minutes of Assembly it was found that while one appeal was to be made, still it was expected that the contributions should be largely increased in order to cover the debt and provide for the current year. Rev. Mr. Thompson moved that a committee be appointed to ascertain how many and which congregations have come short of contributing the proportion to the schemes of the church, especially the Home Missions, fixed by the General Assembly's Financial Committee, and report at next meeting of Presbytery. This was seconded by Mr. Goldie, of Delaware. Rev. Mr. Henderson suggested that Mr. Thompson postpone his proposed action till after the Ecclesiastical year is closed, and then include in his motion all the schemes of the Church. Mr. Thompson, on this suggestion, with-

drew his motion. Mr. Colin McDougall was of the opinion that the motion was a good one, inasmuch as it aimed at system, as he believed it was not the want of resources, and deficient liberality, so much as want of system on the part of the people.—The Presbytery continued its sitting on Tuesday the 20th.—The discussion on the validity of Roman Catholic ordination was delayed till the March meeting. The other remits were, after discussion, adopted. The admission of the Rev. Mr. Rees was delayed till next meeting. The report of the Finance Committee shewed receipts, \$365.17; and expenditure, \$342.30. The assessment for the current year was made larger, in order to pay off a portion of the present debt. The Rev. Mr. Goodwillie moved, in accordance with notice of motion, that the Presbytery of London be divided into the two Presbyteries of London and Sarnia. The proposed Sarnia Presbytery to consist of St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia; Point Edward; Camlachie, Knox Church; Forest and McKay's, Knox Church; Thedford and Lake Road; Parkhill and McGillivray; Nairn and Beechwood; West Williams; Burns' Church and Moor Line; Bridgen and Bear Creek; Mandaumin; Wyoming and South Plympton; Petrolea; Watford and Main Road; Napier; Alvinston; Euphemia and Brooke; St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy; mission stations, Arkona and Adelaide; Moore-town and Corunna; North East Adelaide and Oil Springs. Twenty-one congregations and mission stations. This would leave twenty-seven congregations and mission stations to the London Presbytery. In moving the resolution Mr. Goodwillie said that the London Presbytery had been found too large for due administration. The time of the Presbytery was too often taken up with discussions really beyond the proper business of the Presbytery. The re-division of the Presbyteries had also been discussed, and he found that a large Presbytery was utterly useless without a corresponding amount of life and activity. London Presbytery was the second largest, but it only stood fourth in the list for contributions. The most of the business of this Presbytery is generally conducted by a few, principally for the want of opportunity to the majority, and the reason for dividing was that the western portion of the Presbytery did not receive sufficient courtesy by the Presbytery meeting at the different towns. The western members would also save a considerable amount of expense which they now incurred. The one great object of the Presbytery meeting should be to promote the activity, and provide for the spiritual welfare, of the Church, but, instead of this, he had often gone home weaker instead of stronger. He thought that the London Presbytery was too large and cumbersome. The Rev. Mr. Thompson seconded the resolution of the Rev. Mr. Goodwillie, and in doing so addressed the Presbytery at length in support of the resolution. Dr. Proudfoot, the Moderator, and the Rev. J. A. Murray and Elder McDougall spoke in opposition, asserting that a large Presbytery like that of London gave it weight and influence. They claimed that the time of the Presbytery had not been wasted, and also that the severance would not reduce expense. Mr. D. B. Whimster suggested that a committee be appointed to draft questions and submit them to the congregations affected. He did not think that a matter of such importance should be left to the minister and one elder. The Clerk pointed out that half of the congregations were not represented. The Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Thamesford, advocated severance on the ground that the London Presbytery was too unwieldy. Mr. McRay pointed out that about twenty-five per cent. of the congregations were always vacant, consequently the Presbytery of Sarnia would only consist of sixteen or seventeen ministers. The resolution on the suggestion of the Rev. Mr. Henderson was then divided into two portions. The first question, "Shall we divide?" was then put and carried. The second portion of the original resolution, dealing with the geographical divisions, was then laid over for consideration at the next meeting of the Presbytery, in March. The resolution of which notice of motion had been given at the last meeting, viz.: That the offices of Clerk and Convener be separated, was upon motion laid over. The Rev. Mr. Fraser, of St. Thomas, reported that nothing had been done in reference to the Sabbath School Convention. A deputation was heard presenting a petition asking for the amalgamation of the Brook, Alvinston and Napier churches into one charge, and to be known as Alvinston and Napier. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Bear Creek, on 10th February.