

sit with the Presbytery. The Rev. Geo. Smellie, of Fergus, was appointed Moderator, P. T.

Reports were first called for as to the fulfilment of various appointments made at last meeting. The Deputation for visiting various sections of the Presbytery, appeared to have fulfilled their duties except in one or two cases, early attention to which was re-entreated on them. In terms of the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the circumstances of the case, the Presbytery resolved to decline the reception of the Rev. William Lunnie, of Tratalgar, as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Satisfactory reports were also received as to the supply of preaching and other ordinances in vacant congregations and destitute settlements, according to appointment. The Report of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was read by the Convener, together with the Treasurer's account; and an enquiry having been made respecting collections for this and the other schemes of the Church, it appeared that the recommendation of Synod in this respect had been generally complied with. The Presbytery then proceeded to consider the suggestions issued by the Synod's Home Mission Committee, for the more effectual prosecution of Home Missionary operations by the Presbyteries of the Church, which, having been read clause by clause, was approved of generally, and the Presbytery proceeded in terms of the 1st Article to the arrangement of the Missionary field—when the following scheme, as to Missionary Districts, preaching stations, and superintendence thereof, was adopted, viz.:

Mis. Districts	Preach. Stations	Super. Min.
1. Consisting of Chatham, and places adjoining	3	Messrs. McAlister and Peden.
2. Eckford, Mosa, and Zone	3	Mr. McMillan,
3. Howard, Oxford, Aldborough, and Dunnville,	3	Mr. McMillan.
4. St. Thomas, South-west, Yarmouth, & Westminster.	3	Mr. McKenzie.
5. London	1	Mr. McKenzie.
6. Blanchard	1	Mr. Allan.
7. Goderich, & places adjoining.	2	Mr. Graham.
8. Simcoe, Vittoria, & Port Dover.	3	Mr. Cheyne.
9. Caledonia, Cayuga & places adjoining.	2	Mr. Stark.
10. Dunnville, and Wellandport.	2	Mr. Gale.
11. Niagara, Beamsville, Port Robinson also in the absence of Mr. Mackintosh, on Missionary labour, Toronto & Cambridge.	5	Mr. Cheyne.
12. Nelson, East Flamboro', and Wellington Square.	3	Mr. Meldrum.
13. Woolwich, Aberdeen, Blenheim, Wilmot, and Queen's Bush.	4	Mr. Bayne.
13. Guelph	1	Mr. Smellie.
15. Paris, Brantford, and Woodstock.	3	Messrs. Lindsay, and McKenzie.
16. Owen's Sound Settlements, Maitland River, Smith's Settlement, Sydenham & Lake Shore Road	4	Mr. Smellie.

The Presbytery instructed the superintending Ministers to visit their several Districts for the purposes specified in Article 2 of the suggestions, keeping regular journals of their services according to Article 7, and to report their diligence therein at next ordinary meeting of Presbytery. The Presbytery then appointed a Committee to superintend

their Home Missionary operations, and instructed them in terms of Article 4. The Committee is as follows.—The Rev. Messrs. Gale, Stark, and Cheyne, and Messrs. Alex. Drysdale, Wm. McMillan, D. Macnab, J. Davidson, J. Walker, J. Fisher, W. Cook, J. Colville, G. Young, W. Kyle, J. McKenzie, W. Miller, and Dr. Dill; Rev. Alex. Gale, Convener; and Daniel Macnab, Esq., Treasurer,—to meet at Hamilton on the call of the Convener. Mr. Gale having intimated to the Presbytery the arrangements made for laying the foundation of Knox's Church, Hamilton, tomorrow, and the desire of the Committee of the congregation th. the Presbytery should take part in the proceedings—the Presbytery resolved to comply with this desire, and appointed Messrs. Bayne and Smellie to deliver addresses on the occasion. The Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow at 10 o'clock, and having then resumed business proceeded to consider the communications and applications on the table. Supplies were appointed for several vacant congregations. Messrs. Meldrum, and Mackintosh were appointed to visit the Owen's Sound settlement, and to dispense the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Sydenham, on some convenient Sabbath in the month of July. A deputation consisting of Messrs. McKenzie, Bayne, and Gale, was appointed to visit the Western section of Presbytery; and the communications from Guelph, Danville, Walpole, the Halbert settlement, Woodstock, and 6th Concession of Ancaster, were read and referred to the Home Mission Committee. The application of the Rev. Mr. Johnstone to be admitted as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, was taken up, and a regular Presbyterial certificate from the Presbytery of Ohio, with a highly satisfactory testimonial from the members of the Faculty of the Western Theological Seminary, Alleghany city—in favour of Mr. Johnstone, having been presented, and the Presbytery having conferred with him on various points of Doctrine and Discipline with entire satisfaction as to his principles, views, and attainments, the clerk was instructed to take the necessary steps for bringing the application before the Commission of Synod, in order to obtain their sanction for Mr. Johnstone's admission. Mr. Johnstone is a native of Scotland, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Dumfries, and was ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry by the Presbytery of Picton, over the congregation of Chatham, New Brunswick. Warmly attached to the principles for which the Presbyterian Church of Canada has been called to witness, and aware of the extensive religious destitution within the bounds of that Church, Mr. Johnstone has felt himself constrained to leave a flourishing and attached congregation and come over and help us.

The application of Mr. William Troup, a young man who is desirous of entering on a course of study for the Ministry, was also taken up by the Presbytery. Mr. Troup presented satisfactory testimonials of church membership and general character, and having been examined by Messrs. Lindsay and Smellie, as to his attainments in knowledge, his views of divine truth, his motives in making the present application, and his Christian experience, he was, on their favorable report, unanimously recommended as worthy to be admitted into the preparatory department of the Theological seminary. The Presbytery, after some conversation respecting the interim acts of Synod, appointed a Committee to examine and report thereon, and then adjourned, to meet at Hamilton on Monday the 2nd June, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

On Wednesday evening, according to appointment, the Rev. Robert Lindsay, of Ayr, preached an appropriate and impressive sermon before the Presbytery, from Isaiah lxii, 67. During the session of Presbytery, the conference with the Niagara Presbytery was renewed by the Committee appointed by the Synod, and the Rev. Dr. Blanchard, on the part of that Presbytery; and a joint report was drawn up and cordially agreed to on both sides, to be presented respectively to the Synod and Presby-

tery, to the effect, that in so far as mutual enquiries and explanations had gone there appeared to be a substantial identity between the two bodies in Doctrine, Discipline and Government; while some diversities existed in the modes of worship, which might prove a hindrance to the establishment of a desirable and seemly uniformity, and that the best course for the two judicatories to pursue for the present, was to continue and extend the friendly intercourse which had been opened up, by all suitable means—so that mutual confidence might be strengthened, and the way made more clear for ulterior steps, and a closer alliance.

**PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.**—The Presbytery of Cobourg met at Cobourg on the 7th May. Present, Rev. John M. Roger, Moderator, Rev. Messrs. Alexander, Douglass, and Reid, Ministers, and Mr. Robert Johnston, Elder.

Besides some matters of minor importance, the Presbytery had under its consideration the following subjects.—1st. The Sustentation Fund Scheme. 2d. The Formula and Questions agreed on by the last Synod. And 3d. The Regulations with regard to the admission of Ministers of other Churches.

The Presbytery unanimously approved of the principle of the Sustentation Fund Scheme, believing that the Synod will adopt such means for carrying it out as experience and expediency may suggest.

With regard to the Formula and Questions which are contained in the 6th No. of the Record, the Presbytery approved of them generally. The Presbytery were of opinion that a slight verbal change might, with propriety, be made in the 4th question, and that some expressions in the 5th question should, for obvious reasons, be modified.

With regard to the admission of Ministers of other Churches, the Presbytery agreed in thinking that the regulations of last Synod would be sufficient, if strictly observed. The Presbytery recommended, however, that the Synod should enjoin all Presbyteries of the Church to proceed with the utmost caution, and adhere to the regulations already made by the Synod.

The several Ministers of the Presbytery were reminded of the duty of attending to the injunction of the Synod in regard to a Collection for the Synod's Fund.

The Presbytery adjourned after appointing its next meeting to take place at Cobourg on Tuesday, 3d June, at 12 o'clock, noon.

**PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.**—This Presbytery met at Toronto on the call of the Moderator, according to special previous arrangements, on Friday, the 23d ult. The members present were the Revd. William Rintoul, Moderator, the Revd. Henry Esson, the Revd. James Harris—Ministers—and Mr. J. F. Westland, Ruling Elder.—Messrs. Stark and Gale of the Presbytery of Hamilton, being also present, were invited to sit with the Presbytery. The first and more immediate duty before the Presbytery, was the induction of the Revd. Dr. Burns as Minister of the congregation of Knox's Church, Toronto. Extract Minutes of the whole proceedings of the Presbytery of Paisley, respecting the translation of Dr. Burns, having, with relative documents, been laid before the Presbytery, were sustained and Mr. Esson having reported that he had given due intimation to the congregation of the arrangements made by the Presbytery, and the procedure contemplated by them;—in the case it was agreed that the induction be proceeded in forthwith—and that the Moderator conduct the usual services on the occasion. The Presbytery having then proceeded to the Church, and intimation having been again given by the Clerk to the assembled congregation, that the Presbytery were now prepared to induct Dr. Burns to the pastoral office over them, if no valid objections were offered, and none having appeared to object, the Moderator commenced the