

question, whether he has made it a study, not merely to expound the truth, but to apply it to the heart and conscience of his audience severally.

6 In the next place, the Presbytery with special reference to the extent of the congregation, and the small number of the elders, find that there are no grounds for charging Messrs. McMurich and Shaw with neglect of the duties incumbent upon them as elders. Neither is there any satisfactory evidence of haughtiness being exhibited by the trustees towards members and adherents of the congregation.

7 Lastly, with regard to the constitution of Knox's Church, the Presbytery are of opinion that the said constitution is in some respects decidedly objectionable. At the same time they find that the evils existing in the congregation are only in a slight degree traceable to this source.

In thus giving judgment on the various particulars of this unhappy case, the Presbytery are of opinion that a sufficient remedy can be applied only by the wisdom and authority of the Supreme Court of the church; and would therefore refer the case, in this respect, to the Synod; asking the Synod to adopt such measure as in the premises it may deem fit.

And they do the rather take this course, in preference to the giving of a decided judgment of their own, in the hope that the interval of time still to elapse before the meeting of the Synod, may not be without use in bringing about a more temperate state of feeling, and in affording opportunity for the cultivation of healing measures between parties mutually dissatisfied. With this view the Presbytery affectionately call the attention of all parties to the recommendation so lately given to this effect by the Synod itself—being convinced, by all that has been elicited, that, at least to some extent, the offences have originated in misunderstandings and have been aggravated by passion. And the Presbytery do counsel to such candid forbearance mutually, as may diminish instead of increase the evils which all have to lament in this case, whether as respects the internal fellowship of Knox's congregation, or the credit of the general cause before the world at large.

In the meantime, having respect to the disorganized state of the Session, and the necessity of some provision for carrying on the usual congregational business, they nominate, as assessors, with Dr. Burns, the Revs. Messrs. Harris and Nisbet, Mr. Clark, Sen., Scarborough, Mr. D. Elder, Brampton, and Messrs. Rogers and Macaulay, Toronto; the Presbytery hereby directing that the Session shall not adjudicate *in hoc statu* on any of the questions affecting the state of the eldership.

T. WIGHTMAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE AND OTTAWA.

The Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa met in Brockville, on Tuesday the 4th of December. The proceedings were opened with a sermon by Mr. Wardrop of Ottawa. The attendance was unusually small; and, as will appear by the following sketch, the business was very limited.

The two missionaries allocated to the Presbytery being present, were invited to a seat. Mr. Melville was appointed to supply Edwardsburg, and Mr. McKee Pembroke, till next meeting. In making the appointment to Pembroke, the Presbytery recorded their regret that from some misunderstanding as to the sphere of his labours, Mr. McKie had not proceeded at an earlier date to that locality.

Circular letters were acknowledged from Hamilton, *anent* Mr. Hodgkins, and from Toronto, *anent* Mr. Geikie, applicants for admission into the Presbyterian church of Canada.

Westport was received as an organized congregation within the bounds. Financial and

other reports from last season's missionaries were considered and disposed of.

The collection for the Synod Fund and Bazaar Mission had been taken up in all the congregations represented.

ORGAN CASE.

The Presbytery took up the remit of Synod *anent* the use of instrumental music in public worship. The deliverance of Synod was read, and also a letter from the Synod clerk, referring to the Brockville organ. Intimation had been given at a previous diet that the Presbytery intended to take up the case at a given hour, and at that hour there was present a considerable portion of the congregation. Several members of the Session and congregation in Brockville stated their views and answered such questions as were put to them. The Presbytery then at great length discussed the merits of the case. A motion to postpone could not find a second, and another motion to leave the matter in the hands of the congregation met a similar fate. Finally, the following motion was agreed to without a vote:

"The Presbytery having taken into consideration the remit of Synod, &c., &c., find

1 That an organ had been introduced into the church in Brockville previously to the meeting of Synod in June last.

2 That but a very few in said church offered any objection to the introduction or use of this instrument.

3 That there are special features in the case which lead the Presbytery, *in hoc statu*, not to *ex post facto* denunciation of Synod made to bear upon it.

4 That, therefore, the Presbytery refer the case to the Synod for advice, and at the same time agree to overture the supreme court to ascertain the mind of the church on this subject by sending down to Presbyteries, in accordance with the spirit of the *Barrier act*, an interim act or overture."

APPOINTMENTS OF SUPPLY.

Cumberland—23 Dec., Mr. Corbett; 13 Jan., Mr. T. Wardrop; 27 Jan., Mr. Gourlay. N. Gower—13 Jan., Mr. Lochhead; Some Sabbath in Feb., Mr. D. Wardrop.

Merrickville and Bellamyville—13 Jan., Mr. Smith; to be followed by Dr. Boyd in Bellamyville, and Mr. McDowell in both places. West Port—Mr. Duncan, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Geggie, to give a Sabbath each before next meeting.

Yonge and Lyn—Mr. McMurray to give four services.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

Pembroke, 8th January; Bristol, 9th January, Horton, 10th January; McNab, 11th January. Missionary committee—Mr. Fraser, Mr. Smith, Mr. D. Wardrop, and Mr. McKee. Ramsay, 14th January; Beckwith and Goulburn, 15th January; N. Gower, 16th January. Missionary committee—Mr. Gray, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Fraser.

Prescott and Spencerville, 21st January, Edwardsburg, &c., 22nd January, Kempville and S. Gower, 11th February; Merrickville and Bellamyville, 12th February. Missionary Committee—Dr. Boyd, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Melville and Mr. McMurray.

Brockville, 14th January; Yonge and Lyn, 15th January. Missionary committee—Mr. Duncan, Mr. Melville, Mr. McMurray and Mr. McDowell.

Perth, 22d January, Dalhousie, 23rd January; West Port, 21st January. Missionary committee—Mr. Duncan, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Geggie.

Nepean and Bell's Corners, 14th January, Osgood and Gloucester, 15th January; Ottawa, 16th January, Aylmer and Eardley, 17th January. Missionary committee—Mr. T. Wardrop, Mr. Gourlay and Mr. Lochhead.

Wakofield, 30th January, Cumberland, 28th

January, Mr. Corbett, Mr. T. Wardrop and Mr. Gourlay.

The first name on each committee is understood to be convener, and is expected to make the necessary arrangements.

S. C. FRASER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

This court held a *pro tem* meeting at Vankleek Hall on the 27th November.

A call to Mr. Currie was duly moderated in, and unanimously signed. The call was sustained by the Presbytery, and accepted by Mr. Currie. Trials for ordination were prescribed.

The settlement of Mr. Currie at Vankleek Hall promises to be a very happy one. The congregation is in a more hopeful and united state than it has been for years.

D. FRASER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

At the October meeting of this Presbytery it was agreed to hold, during the ensuing Winter, a series of Missionary Meetings. A committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. The following general plan was drawn up and sanctioned by the Presbytery

SECTION I.

1, Niagara. 2, St. Catherine. 3, Saltfleet. 4, Bimbrook. 5, Calderonia. 6, Allen Settlement. 7, Port Dover. 8, Simcoe. 9, Dunnville. Deputation—Messrs. Inglis, Pirie, Burns and McIndoo.

ROBERT F. BEAVER,
Sub-Convener.

SECTION II.

1, Hamilton, (both congregations.) 2, Dundas. 3, Waverdown. 4, Wellington Square. 5, Nairn. 6, Cummingsville. 7, Nassagaweya. 8, Puslinch, (East and West.) Deputation—Messrs. Irvine, Cheyno, Alex. McLean, Sen., Samuel Young, and Black.

JAMES BLACK,
Sub-Convener.

SECTION III.

1, Brantford. 2, Paris. 3, Blenheim. 4, Ayr. 5, Galt. 6, Dora. 7, New Hope. Deputation—Messrs. Gillespie, Stevens and McRuar.

D. McRUAR,
Sub-Convener.

SECTION IV.

1, Owen Sound. 2, Fergus. 3, Guelph. 4, Elora. 5, Berlin. 6, Wellesley. 7, Durham. Deputation—Messrs. John Alexander, McLean, Jun., McKinnon, McKay, McAlay and Smellie.

G. SMELLIE,
Sub-Convener.

The month of February was selected as, on the whole, the best time for holding these meetings—commencing say about Monday the 18th—when there will be full moon. Sub-Convener are expected to correspond with Ministers or other office bearers in the above places, and with the Members of Delegations—arranging beforehand the times of meeting, the topics to be discussed, and, in general, the mode in which the meetings are to be conducted. Sub-Convener are expected to report to the Convener the arrangements they have made, on or before Tuesday the 15th January—that due notice may be given in the February No. of the *Record*. It is recommended that Missionary Discourses be delivered by each Minister in his own charge, or by others as be found most convenient, on the Sabbath previous to the meetings, and that special efforts be made to secure a general attendance. While the purpose of these meetings is to foster a missionary spirit, it is of course expected that an opportunity will be given to our people to honor the Lord with their substance. Particular attention should be paid to the appeal of the