

of the election of a representative Elder by the session of St. Louis.

Mr Haig reported that, circumstances remaining as before, there had been no meeting of the session of Beauharnois.

Mr McDonald reported that, in accordance with the recommendation of the Brethren who conducted the Presbyterian visitation of his congregation at Beechridge, a meeting had been called for the choosing of fit and proper persons to act as Elders, when Messrs. Hugh McLeod, Donald McKay, James Murdoch and Isaac Barber were nominated, and the Presbytery were requested to take steps for their ordination as early as possible, all these parties having consented to act. Mr. McDonald was instructed to serve their Edict of Ordination on the first Sabbath of December next, and the Presbytery appointed Mr McDonald, Mr. Sym, Mr. Haig, and Dr. Livingston to proceed with their ordination on the third Sabbath of December next, according to the rules of the Church—Mr. Sym to preach and preside.

The Clerk reported his fulfilment of all the instructions laid upon him at the last regular meeting and the meetings held since. Presbyterian Visitations and appointments of supplies were reported to have been fulfilled.

The Presbytery instructed the Committee on St. Gabriel Street Church and property to exercise renewed diligence in the matter intrusted to them.

The Clerk reported that some returns had been made with reference to the Expenditure of the Manse and Glebe Fund. Ministers who have made no return were enjoined to do so without delay.

It was reported that the collection of the congregation at Hemmingford in behalf of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund had been received by the Treasurer of that Fund.

The Moderator not having sent circular letters, intimating the *pro re nata* meeting of 30th Sept. last to the representative Elders, the Presbytery ordained that henceforth the Moderator be careful to attend to the rules of the Church in this matter and notify every member of any *pro re nata* meeting that may be called.

Mr. Snodgrass introduced to the Presbytery the Revs. James Herald, John Moffat, John Rannie and James Paterson, who arrived yesterday at Montreal. They laid upon the table duly authenticated extracts of their ordination by Presbyteries of the Church of Scotland—viz; Mr. Herald by the Presbytery of Aberdeen, Mr. Moffat by the Presbytery of Greenock, Mr. Rannie by the Presbytery of Kincardine O'Neil, and Mr. Paterson by the Presbytery of Dunoon; also Presbyterian certificates, and their several commissions from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland's Colonial Committee, appointing them to act as Missionaries within the bounds of this Presbytery. These documents having been read,

the parties bearing them were welcomed by the Court.

The Presbytery agreed to the following rates for each Sabbath day's supply so long as the congregations specified continue vacant, namely Hemmingford and Dundee, 30s. each, and La Prairie, 20s. The Presbytery further resolved that a collection be made in all the churches having settled ministers for the Home Mission Fund on the first Sabbath of February next, and that all receipts from these two sources be remitted to the Colonial Committee to assist in meeting the salaries of the Missionaries designated to this Presbytery. Mr. Archibald Ferguson, Montreal, was appointed Treasurer of the same, and the Clerk was instructed to prepare a printed Circular notifying the collection and the object of it. The Clerk was also instructed to intimate to the Secretary to the Temporaries' Board the arrival and employment by the Presbytery of the four Missionaries, above referred to.

The Presbytery, having sat for some time with closed doors, adjourned to meet in this place tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

The Presbytery met again the following day according to adjournment, when the Revds. John McDonald, Moderator, Dr. Mathieson, William Simpson, Frederick P. Sym, and William Snodgrass, Ministers; and Mr. Morris and Dr. Verity, Elders, were present. The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and sustained.

The following appointments of supplies and missionary services were given, viz; to Hemmingford, by the Rev. James Herald, on Sabbaths the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th Nov., and 6th Dec.; by the Rev. James Paterson, on the 13th, 20th and 27th Dec. and 3rd Jan., and by the Rev. John Rannie on the 10th, 17th, 24th and 21st Jan.; to Dundee, by the Rev. John Rannie, on Sabbaths the 15th, 22nd and 29th Nov., and 6th Dec.; by the Rev. James Herald, on the 13th, 20th and 27th Dec. and 3rd Jan., and by the Rev. John Moffat, on the 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st Jan.; to the Chatham District, by the Rev. James Paterson, on the 15th, 22nd and 29th Nov., and 6th Dec., and by the Rev. John Rannie on the 13th, 20th and 27th Dec., and 3rd Jan.: to La Prairie, Point St. Charles &c., according to directions of the City ministers and representative elders till next meeting, by the Revds. John Moffat, James Herald and James Paterson.

The Committee on Supplies was directed to superintend the fulfilment of their appointments and to arrange any alteration that may be unavoidably necessary: the Clerk was instructed to notify these appointments to parties concerned; and the Missionaries were requested to prepare brief reports of their labours for next regular meeting.

The Committee on Supplies was instructed to inquire what is necessary to be done

to satisfy the law on Registration of the Acts of Baptism, Marriage and Burial, and to direct the Missionaries in the matter as they see fit.

Dr. Mathieson was appointed to visit Chatham in company with Mr. Paterson with the view of arranging with Mr. Mair about the services of a Missionary within the bounds of his extensive charge.

The Presbytery, having taken into consideration the conduct of certain clerical members in sometimes absenting themselves altogether from meetings of this Court, and at other times in not being punctual and constant in their attendance, thereby leaving the Presbytery in great difficulties as to the transaction of business, agreed to record their great dissatisfaction with this conduct, and their determination, if it shall be continued, to adopt the most rigorous measures for its correction; and further ordain that it is a duty, henceforth to be attended to, that any minister who expects to be unavoidably absent from any meeting shall send a written apology to the Clerk in sufficient time to be communicated to the Presbytery.

The Committee on Statistics reported their preparation of certain questions and forms, when the Presbytery remitted to them to consider the matter further, and prepare a full report for next meeting, with a view to its being transmitted to the Synod.

It was resolved that the first business of next meeting, after reading the minutes, shall be the reading of the Report of Presbyterian Visitations.

The Presbytery having appointed their next meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the 1st Wednesday of February, 1858, the proceedings were closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Presbytery of Toronto met on the 17th November, in St. Andrew's Church. Rev. Mr. McKerras Moderator. The attendance of Members was not so full as usual, but the business was important and interesting. Messrs. Brown, McKay and Kilpatrick appeared as commissioners from W. G. Williamsburg, praying the Presbytery to moderate in a call to the Rev. Mr. McKee, whose labours among them had been so satisfactory that the congregation was unanimous. A numerous signed paper had been presented at a previous meeting with subscriptions amounting to £140 of stipend per annum, with a manse and eighteen acres of excellent glebe, all in a state of good cultivation. Moderation appointed to take place on the 11th of January, Mr. McKerras to preside. Reports were called for from the ministers and elders present respecting progress in the Home Mission Scheme, from which it appeared that congregational associations had been generally formed, and subscriptions