

stocks, lest any be drawn aside after these worldly and carnal amusements.

Resolved, "Further, that this resolution be read from all the pulpits within the bounds of the Presbytery."

The subject of stated meetings of Presbytery was then taken up, and the following deliverance was come to: "That there be four stated meetings of Presbytery during the year, in October, January, April, and July, on the second Tuesday of each of the said months, at 10 o'clock, A.M., and that a sermon be preached at each meeting by a member of Presbytery previously appointed, and upon some given subject, which may be publicly announced on the Sabbath preceding the meeting."

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Robertson, "That at the ordinary meeting of Presbytery in April, yearly, the Records of Sessions and the Annual Statistical and Financial Returns of Congregations shall be examined before being forwarded to the Synod's Financial and Statistical Committee; and each Session is hereby enjoined to send in their Records, and Deacons' Courts or Committees of Managers, to send in their Statistical and Financial Returns at said meeting of Presbytery; also, that a blank schedule be prepared and sent to the Moderator of each Session, on or before the 1st of March, for this purpose."

Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Brock Street Church, Kingston, on the second Tuesday of October next, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

JAR. ALEX. THOMSON, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

This Presbytery met at Hamilton on the 11th ult.

A call was presented to the Rev. G. Cuthbertson from the congregation of Woolwich. The same was accepted, and Mr. Cuthbertson's trial discourses were appointed.

Rev. James Black was appointed to moderate in a call at Walpole and Jarvis.

The Rev. Andrew McLean and the Rev. D. McKeur were appointed to visit Arthur and the connected stations on the first and second Sabbaths of September, and Rev. D. Inglis, and Rev. J. Cameron, were appointed to visit Durham and connected stations, together with Derby and Sullivan on the same days.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held at Hamilton and within Knox's Church, on Tuesday the 22nd September, at 2 o'clock, P.M.

M. Y. STARR, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Presbytery of Toronto met in Knox's Church, Scarborough, on Tuesday, the 28th July, for the purpose of conducting the Presbyterial visitation of the Congregations in Scarborough; when after devotional exercises, Rev. Mr. Laing preached from Isa. 45. 21. The Court was then constituted with prayer—Sederunt—Rev. J. Nisbet, Moderator, *pro tem*—J. Mitchell, T. Wightman, J. Laing, Ministers—and Mr. A. Wallace, Elder.

A respectable number representing both congregations was present during the visitation. The Presbytery agreed to put the questions contained in the *interim* scheme of visitation *seriatim*, and proceeded to do so accordingly, to which answers were given by the Ministers, Elders, and Managers respectively. The Congregation was then addressed by the Moderator and dismissed. The Presbytery adjourned to Mr. Laing's house to draw up a minute of the visitation to be read to the congregations next Lord's Day, and to be inserted in the Session Records.

The deliverance is as follows, viz:—

The Presbytery having reviewed the answers given to the queries put, express their gratification to find that the Congregations appear to be in a very satisfactory state. That the ordinances are administered in a faithful and efficient manner; and that they are attended by no indistinct evidences of the divine blessing, as testified by the members of session, and manifested in the additions made from time to time to the Communion Roll, and increasing attention to the domestic and personal duties of religion. They are further pleased to find that the members of session seem to be sensible of the importance of the duties of their office and to manifest a laudable diligence in their performance.

They are happy to find that Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes are well attended, and that the divine blessing in no inconsiderable measure has attended this department of religious training.

It farther appears to the Presbytery that the management of temporal affairs in the Congregations is conducted in a very satisfactory manner; and the information elicited shows that a degree of prosperity exists which speaks well for the harmony, zeal, and liberality of the people.

The Presbytery, entertaining the hope that the blessing of the divine Head may increasingly attend the labours of the minister and session, would affectionately recommend even greater attention on the part of the Elders to visiting the families in their respective districts, and encouraging the formation and conducting of district prayer meetings among the members of the congregations.

On Wednesday, the 29th, the Presbytery met at York Mills to conduct a Presbyterial visitation of the Congregations at York Mills and Fisherville. Rev. Mr. Wightman preached from Gal. 4. 18. There were present Rev. J. Nisbet, Moderator, *pro tem*, W. Reid, W. Gregg, J. Harris, J. Laing, and T. Wightman, Ministers, and Mr. A. Gibb, Elder. The questions contained in the *interim* scheme were then put to the various parties.

The following minute was adopted, viz:—

The Presbytery taking into consideration the answers given to the questions proposed, record their satisfaction with the state of matters generally in the Congregations of York Mills and Fisherville; and find that the fidelity and zeal manifested by the pastor in the discharge of his duties are especially commendable; and that the training of the young, and the discipline of the Church, have been well attended to.

At the same time, as it appears that the state of pecuniary matters of the Congregations might be much improved, both in regard to the maintaining of ordinances among themselves, and in contributing towards some of the schemes of the Church, the Presbytery would affectionately recommend greater liberality and a more systematic plan of operation in these matters; and would press upon professing Christians their duty in this respect.

They would further call the attention of the Elders to the duty of visiting the families in their districts, and of visiting the sick, of attending and taking part in prayer meetings; and generally of taking an active superintendence of the spiritual interests of the Congregations. They would also merely notice that the tenure of the Property at York Mills is not a satisfactory position.

They appointed the Rev. Mr. Harris to visit the Congregations on an early Sabbath, read to them this deliverance, and confer with the session and managers relative to the matters therein contained.

On Wednesday evening, Mr. D. Anderson, student, gave part of his trial discourses; and

on Thursday morning, the remainder of them, and also passed his oral examination with approbation; and was licensed to preach the Gospel of Christ, and to exercise his gifts as a Probationer of the holy ministry. He was then addressed in appropriate terms by Mr. Laing (on the call of the moderator) on his duties and responsibilities as a probationer.

Mr. McMechan was for the present appointed to continue to supply Knox's Church, Toronto. A letter from Brampton was read and remitted to Messrs Wightman and Ure, to be attended to when they visit that quarter.

A letter from Euphrasia was read, praying for the continuation of Mr. Campbell's services, which was agreed to.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in the usual place of meeting in Toronto, on the first Wednesday in September, at Eleven o'clock, A. M.

THOS. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

This Presbytery met at Boston, U. S., on 20th July, for the induction of the Rev. W. McLaren, as Pastor of the congregation of Knox's Church. The Rev. W. B. Clark preached and presided, and the Rev. A. F. Kemp addressed the minister and people.

The Presbytery met again at Cornwall on the 5th August. The following are some of the items of business transacted:

Mr. Cameron of Lochiel, was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. Various missionary appointments were made, and several arrangements with reference to the dispensation of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in vacant congregations.

The Rev. J. C. Quin tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Osnabrock and Winchester. The Presbytery agreed to accept of Mr. Quin's resignation, appointing him to continue the pastoral charge of said congregation till next meeting of Presbytery.

A financial statement, including receipts and disbursements, debts and arrears, was required from each congregation at the ordinary meeting of the Presbytery in January next.

The Rev. Mr. McKenzie, on producing the proper documents, was received as a Probationer of the Church.

Mr. N. Paterson, Student of Divinity, having completed the usual trials, was licensed to preach the gospel.

The Session Records of Lochiel, Cornwall, Lancaster and Dalhousie Mills, were examined and attested as correctly kept.

A Missionary meeting was held in the evening, which was well attended.

The Presbytery appointed its next ordinary meeting to be held in Cote Street Church, Montreal, on the first Wednesday of October, requiring all Students within the bounds to appear for examination prior to entering Knox's College.

PRESBYTERIAL VISITATION.

QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN THE SCHEME OF VISITATION ADOPTED, FOR THE PRESENT, BY THE PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Queries to the Minister personally.
PUBLIC WORSHIP.

1. How many Diets of Public Worship have you on the Lord's Day?
2. Are they in the same place; and how do you conduct them?
3. In your preaching do you take up the doctrines of the Gospel in the order of our standards; and do you ever give a regular series of Lectures on any portion of Scripture?
4. Have you any preaching stations connected