

MEAFORD, 17th FEBRUARY, 1858.

REV. MR. DEWAR.

DEAR SIR,

At an adjourned meeting of the inhabitants of this village held in U. P. Church, on the evening of 14th instant, I was requested to confer with the Presbytery concerning the subject of the first meeting, and to report what assistance and advice would be given. In compliance, I beg to submit through you, the following particulars, taken chiefly from the minutes of said meeting. At the suggestion of many of the most influential residents a meeting was called, and took place on the 30th ult., to consider the position of this congregation, and to raise the necessary funds, &c., &c. At this meeting much respect, good feeling and warm attachment to Mr. Fayette was shown, and in accordance, a resolution was proposed and adopted, of which the following is the substance; "That an effort be made to obtain the required funds, with a view to secure the continuance of the Rev. Mr. Fayette's services amongst us, as the resident pastor of this congregation alone, and to that end a committee be appointed to obtain such by renting sittings for three years from date, at fifty cents each per quarter, payable in advance. The committee as appointed, reported progress at second meeting held the 14th instant, showing that 87 had subscribed, making an aggregate amount of 202 dollars, all excepting one being actual residents of this village—the surrounding country being unwilling to assist unless stated appointments were made for the several respective stations. Such is briefly the present state of matters, and I am desired to state, that although few ministers having the same obstacles to contend against, could have even so much universal respect as the Rev. Mr. Fayette has, and, however, much it is wished that he may remain to minister amongst us, yet, more cannot be done at present than as here shown. But, all are most anxious to learn if any and what aid or advice would be extended by the Synod or Presbytery.

Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM MEIKLE.

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the Canadian U. P. Magazine.

DEAR SIR:—

As a member of the Committee, appointed by Synod, to ascertain whether our Church would not only be a self-sustaining one, but at the same time enter on the establishment of Missionary operations abroad. I have to state that for the accomplishment of said objects, I have visited the Congregations in the Presbytery of Durham, and they all are willing to enter cordially into the work; every minister seemed to vie with each other who should show me most kindness, and to all of them I am personally under great obligations, and especially to the Rev. Mr. Thornton, who took the very great trouble of making all the arrangements for me. I have not met with a cold look nor a close hand. I have received as much from the Congregations as pay my travelling expenses, and probably will have a dollar or two over for the new scheme. That shall be stated at the first meeting.

Yours truly,

JOHN DUFF.

Toronto 25th February, 1858.

FUND FOR AIDING AND ENCOURAGING STUDENTS IN DIVINITY.

We have been receiving contributions for the above Fund from Congregations of the U. P. Church, and have great pleasure in announcing the following:—

ENGLISH SETTLEMENT AND PROOF LINE.

		£	s	d.			£	s	d.
James Bell, Elder.....	1	0	0	James Fraser, Elder	1	0	0		
Thomas Waugh, Elder	1	0	0	John Sinclair, Elder	1	0	0		
Archibald Caverhill, Elder.....	5	0	0	John Robb, Elder.....	1	0	0		
John Whillans, Elder.....	1	0	0	John Carmichael, Elder.....	1	0	0		
John W. Robson, Elder	15	0	0	Rev. James Skinner	2	10	0		
Robert Hunter.....	1	0	0	John Bell, Sen	10	0	0		