

Sessions, whose Records have not come up for revision, were enjoined to send them up at next ordinary meeting, and to be more punctual hereafter in sending them at the first ordinary meeting after the Synod.

Leave was given to the ordained missionaries of the Presbytery to dispense the sacraments in places out of the bounds of settled congregations.

The sanction of the Presbytery was given to an application from Brantford to the Colonial Committee, for aid to assist in purchasing a church, which is now for sale, and, as waiting for the sanction of the Commission of Synod would cause the opportunity of the purchase to be lost, the Clerk was instructed to forward the application with an explanatory letter.

The Presbytery met at Niagara on the 25th of August, and proceeded to the induction of the Rev. Charles Campbell, Messrs. Herald, Bell and Niven officiating. This was a most satisfactory and harmonious settlement; may it be abundantly blessed of the great Head of the Church.

The Presbytery met at Hamilton on the 8th of September, and, having received and acted on the call from St. John's Church, Hamilton, to Mr. Masson, made appointments for his induction.

A petition was received from members and adherents at Allan Park, praying to be organized into a congregation, which was received, and its prayer granted.

A memorial was received from Mount Forest, praying for a moderation in a call, for which purpose an appointment was made.

"The Presbytery, on motion of Mr. Niven, seconded by Mr. Whyte, unanimously agreed to record their high sense of the liberality of the Kirk Session of Niagara in their defraying the expenses of the members of Presbytery who were appointed to induct the Rev. Mr. Campbell over the vacant congregation there on the 25th of last month, and who, as a Kirk Session, have been the first in the history of our Church to exhibit an example so considerable and so worthy of imitation." This minute is commended to the attention of the Sessions of other vacant congregations, that the zeal and liberality of the brethren at Niagara may provoke them to follow an example, as it says, *so deserving of imitation*.

The Presbytery met at St. John's Church, Hamilton, on the 15th September for the induction of Mr. Masson, Messrs. Niven, Campbell and Herald officiating.

The services of Mr. Masson had been at the end of last May confined exclusively to this locality, the very delicate state of his health rendering distant travelling impossible; and it would now appear that the providence of God has overruled that illness and consequent disappointment to others for the good of His Church. Mr.

Masson's health is now recovered, and under his faithful and earnest labours the community has been brought to the position of calling him as their minister. They have had many difficulties to encounter, and they have suffered from the depression of business, many of them being employed at the Railway works, and for many months having only partial work, and sometimes none for days or weeks. They are hopeful that business will improve, and, having now been successful in obtaining a minister, they look forward to the future with encouraging prospects as a congregation.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The ordinary quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held in Saint Andrew's Church, Toronto, on the 17th of August, and was numerously attended, there being 16 Ministers and 7 Elders present.

A considerable amount of business was transacted a midst the usual harmony and good feeling which have so long characterized the meetings of this Presbytery.

Mr. Colquhoun, of Mulmur, was appointed Moderator for the current half year, vice Mr. McKerras, whose term of office had expired.

The sympathy of the brethren present was awakened by an announcement made by the Clerk to the effect that an old and much respected member of the Presbytery, Mr. Donald Cameron, Elder, Vaughan, who was present and took part in the deliberations of the Court at its last meeting, was now no more, he having departed this life a few days ago. Many warm and touching tributes to the worth of the deceased were paid, especially by the older members, who could speak of his earlier services to the Church. Ultimately the following minute was adopted unanimously:—"Dr. Barclay reported that Donald Cameron, Ruling Elder, had departed this life on Wednesday last, the 11th inst., and that, at the request of the congregation, he had preached at Vaughan on Sabbath last, and endeavoured to improve the melancholy event for edification. The Presbytery heard this announcement with deep sympathy and regret, and unanimously resolved to record in their minutes their high estimation of the private worth and public usefulness of the deceased. Mr. Cameron had been a representative Elder in this Court for more than a quarter of a century, and was seldom absent from its meetings. The lively interest which he took in the welfare of the Church in general, and his active and long-continued services in behalf of the congregation of Vaughan in particular, are deserving of grateful and lasting remembrance. It is the earnest prayer of the members of this Presbytery that the dispensation, which has deprived them of so valuable a coadjutor, may be sanctified

"to the family of which he was head, and to the Church in which he was so efficient and exemplary an office-bearer; and that the great Head of the Church may be graciously pleased to raise up others of kindred spirit to fill his place and follow in his steps. 'Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the latter end of that man is peace.'"

A letter from the Colonial Committee was read, intimating the appointment of the Rev. W. R. Ross as a Missionary under the direction of this Presbytery.

The Rev. Mr. Epstein, the Jewish Missionary, being present, was introduced to the Moderator and invited to sit with the Presbytery; Mr. Epstein had already fulfilled some appointments given him by the Synod's Committee within the bounds, and it was agreed that the remainder of his time should be thus disposed of:—On Sabbath the 22nd, Torah in forenoon, and Eldon afternoon; Monday the 23rd, Brock; Tuesday 24th, Uxbridge; the 25th, Bradford; the 26th, King; 27th, Vaughan; on Sabbath the 29th, at Toronto; Hornby on the 30th; and Milton on the 31st. Due notice to be given to the respective congregations.

The call from the congregation of Orangeville to Mr. Cleland, of Uxbridge, was then taken up. It was signed by 140 members and adherents. Mr. Cleland, however, was unwilling to leave his present charge, and, on the call being placed in his hands by the Moderator, he intimated that in all the circumstances of the case, he felt it to be his duty not to accept.

Communications from the congregations of Lindsay, Milton and Esquesing, requesting that one of the Presbytery's missionaries or catechists may be stationed among them continuously for a certain number of months, were read and referred for further consideration.

There was also read a numerously signed petition from the congregation of Peterboro', praying for the moderation of a call in favour of the Rev. James Douglas, presently doing duty as a missionary in the Presbytery of Glengary. The request was granted, and the necessary appointments made for the moderation of a call at Peterboro' on Monday, the 30th of August, an edict to that effect being first served by Mr. McKerras, who was appointed to preach there on a previous Sabbath.

Next there was read a communication from one of the ministers who seceded from the Church in 1844, embodying an application for re-admission to this Church. The same was ordered to be laid on the table until next meeting of Presbytery.

Dr. Barclay reported on behalf of the deputation appointed at last meeting to visit the congregation of Vaughan, with a view to the arrangement of certain difficulties and differences between sections of that congregation respecting the site that