

Presbyterian bodies in the Dominion, should be considered at next meeting of Presbytery; and Sessions and Congregations were instructed to report on the same, at or before said meeting.

WILLIAM COCHRANE,

Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY AT MANITOBA.—The Presbytery held its usual quarterly meeting at Winnipeg, on the 10th and 11th days of September. The following are the principal items of business:—Springfield was erected into a congregation, having two preaching stations, one in the Township of Springfield, and the other in the Township of Sunnyside. An adjourned meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Winnipeg, on the evening of the 2nd Tuesday of October, for the purpose of moderating in a call to a Minister, should the people then be found prepared to proceed. A petition was received from certain parties on the East side of the River, at Kildonan, praying for the opening of a preaching station on that side of the River. A special meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Kildonan, on the 2nd Tuesday of October, for the purpose of dealing with the matter. It was agreed to press upon the Home Mission Committee the necessity for an increase of salary for the Missionaries laboring in this Presbytery. Mr. McNabb, having served for four years as a Missionary in this Province, tendered his resignation on the ground of ill health. The Presbytery, after expressing their regard for Mr. McNabb, and regret at the prospect of his leaving, accepted of his resignation, and appointed a committee to draw up a suitable minute, expressive of the mind of the Presbytery. Mr. Moodie was appointed to supply White Mud River District, till another Missionary be sent. It was agreed to continue Mr. Donaldson at Headingly, till supply arrive for the town, and afterwards to transfer him to Springfield and Sunnyside.

The Moderator was appointed to confer with the Governor, with the view of having the 16th of October appointed as a day of Thanksgiving, in accordance with the appointment of the General Assembly.

A. FROZER, *Presbytery Clerk.*

Obituary Notices.

THE LATE REV. JAMES HARRIS.

Another of the fathers and founders of Presbyterianism in Canada has passed away from among us. On Saturday, the 14th September, the Rev. James Harris, in the eightieth year of his age, died in Toronto, in which he was the first Presbyterian Minister. Mr. Harris was a native of Ireland, and a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Monaghan, one of the Presbyteries of the Secession Church. He arrived in Canada in the year 1820, and by the advice of the Rev. W. Smart, of Brockville, made his way as speedily as possible to Toronto, then called York. At that time there were only two settled congregations in Toronto—one Episcopalian under the charge of Dr. Strachan, afterwards Bishop of Toronto, and the other Methodist. Then, also (as appears from a statement prepared by Mr. Harris, and appended to the Life of Dr. R. Burns), there were, so far as he knew, only two Presbyterian Ministers in the whole region west of Kingston—the Rev. Robert McDowall, of Ernestown, who came to Canada 1798; Rev. Wm. Jenkins, who came in 1817. Mr. Harris commenced to preach in Toronto on the first Sabbath of September, 1820, and continued to conduct services for a year and a half in a schoolroom, when a church was erected for the congregation, at the sole charge of his father-in-law, the late Mr. Jesse Ketchum, whose large-hearted Christian liberality is so well known in Toronto, Buffalo, and elsewhere. Mr. Harris was ordained as pastor of the congregation on the 10th July, 1823. The ordination services were conducted by