

Spirit in all our future intercourse, so that our deliberations and discussions may tend to the glory of our enthroned Redeemer, and to the peace, the prosperity, and the extension of His Church."

The Presbytery also resolved to notify the Kirk Sessions under their care to the following effect: that

"At Montreal, on the 6th day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, the United Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Presbyterian Church of Canada, were united into one body, under the designation of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and further, that in accordance with the appointment of Synod, this Presbytery having been duly constituted, and having devoutly recognized the hand of God in the accomplishment of this most desirable result, do now seek to impress upon the Kirk Sessions of the congregations under their care, the solemn responsibilities growing out of this epoch of their history, and recommend that at their earliest convenience a meeting be held, and this minute be inserted in their records, as a brief historical statement of the change in their ecclesiastical relations."

The Rev. A. McLean laid upon the table of the Presbytery his resignation of the charge of the Knairde congregation. A petition from the Nairn congregation, the other portion of Mr. McLean's charge, praying that it may be separated from Kilbride and erected into a distinct charge, under its present pastor, was also laid upon the table. After Presbytery had heard commissioners from the latter congregation in support of the prayer of their petition, it appointed Mr. Stark to preach in Kilbride, intimate the above to the congregation and summon them to appear for their interests at its next meeting.

Presbytery now adjourned, to meet here on the last Tuesday of the current month.

According to adjournment, the Hamilton Presbytery met as above on the 30th July, and was constituted by Mr. Stark, Moderator. There were present eleven Ministers and five Elders.

From a paper laid upon the table, it appeared that the Kilbride congregation desired to throw no obstacles in the way of the Nairn petition, but asked Presbytery to give them, when separated from their former connection, as regular supply of gospel ordinances as possible. The Court, after looking at all the aspects of the case, agreed to grant the prayers of both congregations, and accordingly declared them to be distinct charges, with Mr. McLean as the Pastor of the Nairn Church. Mr. Porteous was also appointed to preach in Kilbride on Sabbath first, and declare the congregation vacant.

The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Hamilton on the 2nd Tuesday of October.

Closed with prayer.

JOHN PORTZEUS, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The Presbytery of Montreal met at Montreal in Core Street Church on the 7th August, 1861. There was a good attendance. In the absence of Dr. Taylor, Mr. Clark acted as Moderator. A preamble to the minutes was prepared and adopted.

On account of continued ill-health, the Rev. Mr. Henry of Lachute intimated his desire that the Presbytery would take steps for the appointment of a colleague and successor to him. A resolution of the congregation was read, expressing regret at the necessity of this step, and attachment to Mr. Henry as their Pastor, offering to contribute \$160 per annum, and to provide a suitable stipend for a colleague, in the hope that an equal amount may be obtained from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. Mr. Meikle being present, was heard in explanation. The Presbytery, after deliberation, expressed deep sympathy with Mr. Henry in his severe affliction, commended his long, arduous, and faithful services, agreed to sanction the appointment of a colleague and successor, and to apply to Committee of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund for a grant of £40 per annum—appointed a committee to visit the congregations at Lachute, and the Clerk to obtain supplies for "Henry's Church."

Mr. Mackie and Mr. Peterson reported favourably regarding Mill Isle, at which station there appeared to be about 60 families attached to the Presbyterian Church, contributing at present \$200 per annum for the support of ordinances. The Presbytery agreed to sustain this charge to the utmost of their power—appointed Mr. Bennie to visit it at an early day, to preside at the election and ordination or induction of Elders, and otherwise to organize the people into a church.

On petition of the congregations, the Presbytery appointed a moderation in a call at Farnham Centre on the 21st August—Mr. Young to preach and preside.

Mr. Watson was appointed interim Moderator of the church at Laquerre.

It was agreed to ask supplies from the Home Mission Committee, for Mill Isle, Lachute, Laquerre, Kennebec, and Frampton, Quebec, and Alexandria.

A committee was appointed to examine Mr. Burton, student, for entrance to the classes for theology in Knox College, and if satisfied, to certify accordingly.

Mr. Clark was appointed to examine Mr. Davidson, and if satisfied, the Clerk was appointed to certify accordingly.

Other items of business of importance were considered, but as they are not yet matured, it is unnecessary to report them.

The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Montreal in Dr. Taylor's Church on the third Wednesday of October (16th,) at 11 o'clock forenoon—a special meeting to be held on the 11th Sep. in Cote Street Church.

ALEX. F. KEMP,
Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Presbytery of Toronto met at Toronto on the first Tuesday of August, at 11 o'clock A. M. There was a smaller attendance of Ministers and Elders than at the preceding meeting.

The Rev. A. Topp having resigned the Moderatorship, the Rev. W. Fraser was chosen to occupy the chair as Moderator for the year.

The Rev. Messrs. Milligan and McKerracher, delivered their trial discourses and other exercises, which were all sustained.

Mr. Milligan's ordination was appointed to take on the 27th, and Mr. McKerracher's on the 22nd.

A committee was appointed to examine students, of which committee Dr. Jennings is Convener. The next ordinary meeting takes place on the 1st Tuesday of November.

W. GARCO, Pres. Clk.

PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

A meeting of this Presbytery was held at Sullivan on the 13th and 14th days of August, attended by 9 Ministers and 10 Elders. Mr. Patrick Greig was also present, and was invited to sit with the Presbytery.

Mr. Stevenson was appointed Moderator for the ensuing year. Mr. Dewar having resigned the office of Clerk, which he had held *pro tem.*, Mr. Park was appointed thereunto.

It was resolved, that in the meantime the Presbytery hold its ordinary meetings at Durham and Owen Sound alternately, that these meetings be quarterly, and that they be held on 2nd Tuesday of October, of January, of April, and of July.

The Presbytery took into consideration the call on its table from the congregation in Normanby to Mr. Patrick Greig. It was resolved by a large majority that the call lie on the table till next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, and that in the meantime a deputation of the Presbytery be appointed to visit Normanby in order to see if the congregation cannot be induced to increase the stipend promised to Mr. Greig. Mr. Greig was appointed to preach in Normanby meanwhile.

A call, on the table, from the congregation at Port Elgin to Mr. Alex. Fraser, was sustained.

A committee was appointed to examine Students, consisting of Mr. Dewar, Mr. James Cameron, and the Clerk—the Clerk convener.*

The Presbytery took into consideration the subject of its Home Mission field. It was found that there are within the bounds of the Presbytery 14 congregations or stations without settled ministers. Arrangements having been made in the way of supplying these stations as far as possible with ordinances, a Home Mission committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Dewar, James Cameron, Waters, Moffat, and McLean—Mr. Cameron, Convener.

The thanks of the Presbytery were given to Mr. Cameron's congregation, and especially to Mrs. Cameron, for their hospitality on the occasion.

WM. PARK, Pres. Clerk.

*This committee meets at Sullivan on Tuesday, 17th Sep. next, at 12 o'clock. The Home Mission committee afterwards mentioned meets at the same place, the same day, at 3 o'clock.

ONTARIO PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery, after having held two special meetings for the disposal of cases transferred from the late Presbyteries of Toronto and Cobourg, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, met at Prince Albert on the 6th of August for general business. There was a full attendance, and a large amount of business transacted. The Presbytery entered into a lengthened conference in regard to the nature, wants, and best methods of supplying, to some extent, the wide and destitute mission-field stretching out in the north of the county, and new townships contiguous in the north-east. In addition to the missionary labour given in it, several members of Presbytery were appointed to visit and labour some time. A large Home Mission