SUSTENTATION BOARD.

MINUTES OF MEETING, HELD IN KNOX'S CHURCH, HAMILTON, JANUARY 14, 1847.

The Sustentation Board met, pursuant to notice given in the *Record* for December and January. The Rev. John Bayne in the Chair. *Present*—The Reverends Messrs. Stark, M'Kenzie, Smellie, Cheyne, Ferrier, M'Kinnon; Messrs. M'Laren, Davidson, Burns of Esquesing, and Walker.

Mr. McGruer was introduced as the Representative Deacon of the congregation at Caledonia. Mr. William Brown was introduced as the Representative Deacon of the congregation of Binbrook.

Applications to come upon the Fund were presented, with Returns from Osgoode and Gloucester, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Lochead.

Tuckersmith - - - - - - - - - - - - Rev. WILLIAM GRAHAM.
Caledonia - - - - - - - - - - - - Rev. Dr. A. FERRIER.
Indian Lands - - - - - - - - - - - - Rev. DANIEL CLARKE.

When the said congregations were admitted to stand on the Fund from their respective dates of application, the Board Resolved that their continuance upon the Fund for the future shall depend upon the Reports of the visiting Agent.

The Secretary reported a proposition recommending the removal of a *minimum*, and to allow the Scale to slide downwards below £100, on the same ratio as it advances above that sum, when it was ordered that this proposition be laid on the table, to be taken up in May, and that the Secretary be directed to cause the same to be laid before congregations, either through the *Record* or by Circulars, as may appear most effective.

Mr. John Burns was personally requested to proceed with all convenient speed to visit the congregations of the Hamilton Presbytery.

The Treasurer presented his Annual Report, which showed that the Surplus Fund would only yield five-eighths, or twelve shillings and sixpence in the pound, to the aid receiving congregations. The Report is as follows:—

ABSTRACT OF SUSTENTATION SCHEME, FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1846:

CONGREGATION.	*Minister.*	*Annual Contribution.*	*Proportionate sum.*	*Common Multiplier.*	*Stipend for 1846.*	*Surplus.*	*Deficiency.*	*Actual Payment for 1846.*
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Amherstburgh	Rev. R. Peden	80 0 0	10 0 0	11	110 0 0	0 0 0	30 0 0	98 15 0
Caledonia	Rev. A. Ferrier	90 0 0	11 0 0	11	90 15 for	2. 3. 4 qrs.	0 15 0	90 9 4½
Fergus	Rev. G. Smellie	120 0 0	11 0 0	11	121 0 0		1 0 0	120 12 6
Galt	Rev. J. Bayne	200 0 0	15 0 0	11	165 0 0	35 0 0		163 0 0
Grafton	Rev. W. Reid	100 0 0	10 0 0	11	110 0 0		10 0 0	106 5 0
Hamilton	Rev. A. Gale	250 0 0	20 p. ct. of	subscrip'n	200 0 0	50 0 0		200 0 0
Indian Lands	Rev. D. Clarke	80 0 0	10 0 0	11	distribution	for 3 & 4 qrs	15 0 0	89 7 6
Osgoode	Rev. W. Lochead	88 9 6	10 0 0	11	distribution	for 3 & 4 qrs	10 15 3	95 4 0
Peterboro'	Rev. J. M. Roger	140 0 0	12 0 0	11	132 0 0	8 0 0		132 0 0
Sarnia	Rev. W. McAlister	80 0 0	10 0 0	11	110 0 0		30 0 0	98 15 0
Saltfleet and Binbrook	Rev. G. Cheyne	80 0 0	10 0 0	11	110 0 0		30 0 0	98 15 0
Streetsville	Rev. W. Rintoul	100 0 0	10 0 0	11	110 0 0		10 0 0	106 5 0
Tuckersmith	Rev. W. Graham	80 0 0	10 0 0	11	distribution	for 4th qr.	7 10 0	84 13 9
Zorra	Rev. D. McKenzie	107 11 10½	10 0 0	11	110 0 0		2 8 1½	109 1 11
						£93 0 0	147 8 4½	1595 4 0½

Contribution of 1846	£ 1596 1 4½
Balance from 1845	26 1 8
	1622 3 0½
To balance deficiency on the year 1846	19 0 0
	1636 3 0½
	£1636 3 0½

Amount distributed to Ministers	£1593 6 6½
Incidental expenses, paid printing account	3 5 0
Advanced by Treasurer to order of the Board, according to recommendation of the Synod for visiting the congregation in Montreal Presbytery, per J. Walker	14 10 0
In Toronto, Cobourg, Kingston, Bathurst, and Brockville Presbyteries, per J. Burns	25 1 6
	£1638 0 6½

Hamilton, January 14, 1847.

(Signed) W. P. M'LAREN, *Treasurer*,
JAMES WALKER, *Secretary*,

CONGREGATIONS *who have declared their desire to be admitted upon the Sustentation Fund, but who have not yet made Returns;*

Bytown - - - - - - - - - - - - Rev. Mr. WARDROPE.
Dundas and Ancaster - - - - - - - - - - Rev. M. Y. STARK.
Darlington - - - - - - - - - - - - Rev. Mr. STEELE.
East Hope - - - - - - - - - - - - Rev. Mr. ALLAN.
Gananoque - - - - - - - - - - - - Rev Mr. GORDON.
Lachute - - - - - - - - - - - - Rev. Mr. HENRY.
Otonabee - - - - - - - - - - - - Rev. Mr. WALLACE.
St. Thomas - - - - - - - - - - - - Rev. Mr. M'KINNON.

The following Form of Receipt is appended for the use of the Office Bearers in remitting to the Sustentation Board. It is requested that this Form be complied with:—

Received from the General Sustentation Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, per Mr. ——, *the Local Treasurer of this Congregation, the sum of* ——, *being my Instalment for the Quarter ending* ——.

£——*C'y.* ————, 184 . ————, *Minister.*