

instructed to grant the same in the usual form.

The Rev. Mr. Snodgrass, *Convener*, read a very interesting report of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee showing that the arrangements made at last ordinary meeting of Presbytery for holding meetings in the various charges had been carried out with one exception, and that at all the meetings held the people showed a hearty interest in the subjects brought before them; and strongly recommending similar meetings annually. The report gave a statement of collections taken up at the various meetings as follows:—

Huntingdon, \$2.30; Georgetown, \$12.00; Beauharnois, \$5.36; Russeltown, \$7.90; Ormstown, \$6.57½; Beechridge, \$5.67; St. Louis de Gonzague, \$2.70; Lachine, \$11.30; Laprairie, \$3.81; Elgin, \$6.65; St. Matthew's, Montreal, \$4.40; Hemmingford, \$8.45; St. Andrew's and St. Paul's, Montreal, joint meeting, \$36.55; Total, \$113.66½.

The report further stated that the committee had engaged Mr. Joshua Fraser, student in Divinity, to labour as catechist within the bounds of the Presbytery, during the summer months, and that Mr. Black of Chatham had completed arrangements with Mr. Chas. Cameron, student in Divinity, to labour for the same period in the country adjacent to his congregational bounds. The above report having been read was received, and the various matters arising out of it duly discussed. It was resolved to establish the Presbyterian Home Mission as a scheme of the Presbytery, and to make arrangements in the month of November, for holding meetings in connexion therewith annually. The committee were instructed to mature and report arrangements for next year.

The Presbytery appointed the Rev. Mr. Sieveright to preach at Elgin on the 17th, and Mr. Cameron on the 24th of May, also a deputation consisting of Dr. Muir, Messrs. Cameron and Wallace, to visit Elgin on the 25th, at 2 P. M., to explain to the congregation the views of the Presbytery as to their position, and the law of admission to the status of a congregation.

A request for leave to collect subscriptions for the new church at Pittsburgh having been made by the Rev. Mr. Bell of Kingston, permission was given till the first of August.

Circular letters were read as follows: from the Presbytery of Kingston, in favour

of Alexander Dawson, John Barr, John D. Robertson, and Duncan McDonald; Presbytery of Bathurst, John K. McMorine; Presbytery of Glengary, Joshua Fraser; Presbytery of Toronto, Donald Ross.

The Presbytery next considered and disposed of the overtures on hymns and collections, as also the interim act anent the "calling and settling of ministers, reporting favorably of the first and second, and unfavorably of the third.

After other routine business the next quarterly meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held on the first Wednesday of August next.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

This Presbytery met at Fergus on the 8th of April.

Sederunt. Rev. John Whyte, Moderator *pro tempore*, George Macdonnell, John Hay, and Robert Campbell, ministers; and Messrs Alex. Cadenhead and John McCrea, ruling elders.

The Rev. Hugh Niven being present was invited by the Moderator to sit with the Presbytery and take part in their deliberations.

Messrs Hogg, Hay, and Campbell were appointed a Committee to draft a course of reading for Divinity Students who may be connected with the Presbytery. Mr. Hogg to be Convener.

A letter was read from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland intimating the appointment of Mr. Burnett as a Missionary to this Presbytery.

There being no definite information from the "Students Missionary Association of Queen's College," respecting the appointment of the Catechists applied for, Messrs Macdonnell, Whyte and Hay, were appointed a Committee to attend to the business, and to direct Mr. Burnett's labours on his reporting himself to the Presbytery.

A Committee of enquiry was appointed to meet at Paisley on the 21st May, with power to call for all papers and to ascertain the financial state of the affairs of the Congregation there. The following to compose said Committee:—John McCrea, Esq., Convener, Revs. John Whyte and John Hay, and Alex. Cadenhead Esq.

Various reports of appointments fulfilled were given in and approved of.

Mr. Macdonnell was appointed to supply Kincardine and organize the Congregation there on the last Sabbath of June; Mr. Hogg to supply Allanpark and Durham on the third Sabbath of July; Messrs Whyte and Hay, with Messrs George Brockie and A. Cadenhead as assessors, were appointed to dispense the Communion and ordain elders, at Leith and Johnson on the 24th of May. Mr. Campbell was appointed to supply Paisley on the second Sabbath of July.

Several *Interim Acts* of the Synod were considered by the Presbytery, and resolutions arrived at with regard to them.