

to pay licensed missionaries at the rate of six dollars per sabbath, and unlicensed missionaries at the rate of four and a-half dollars (in both cases including board) and that the travelling expenses of all missionaries and catechists from the place whence they came be paid. In all cases where the arrangement is possible it is desired that the money be paid directly to the missionary, and the missionary's receipt be forwarded to the Convener of the Home Missionary Committee—the Rev. Robert Irvine, Hamilton.

Distribution of the Missionaries at the disposal of the Presbytery was made subject to modification by the Home Missionary Committee.

Mr. Cheyne reported as to having organized a congregation at Grimsby.

Mr. Alexander was appointed to preach at Port Rowan on the first sabbath of June.

Mr. Irvine was authorized to employ a young German, having satisfactory testimonials, as a catechist among the German population.

Messrs. McMillan and Cuthbertson, students, were examined in the various branches required, and the Presbytery resolved to apply to the Synod for leave to take them on trial for license.

A circular letter from the Clerk to the Presbytery of Cobourg in reference to Mr. Thomas Snell, a Congregationalist minister, applying to be received as a minister of this Church, was read and ordered to lie upon the table.

Synod Records to be presented for examination at the meeting on the second Tuesday of July.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at London, by permission of Synod, and appointed the next ordinary meeting to be held at Hamilton, and within Knox's Church there, on the second Tuesday of July at two o'clock P. M.

M. Y. STARR, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The Presbytery of London met at London on the 13th of May, and continued in session two days and a half. The following is an abstract of the business transacted by it.

The minutes of the special meeting held at Beachville, on the 5th Sept., were read, in which was recorded the dissolution of the union between the congregation of Ingersoll and Beachville and the limiting of the Rev. Robert Wallace's services to the former charge.

The minutes of a *pro re nata* meeting held at London, on the 16th April, were also read, in which were recorded appointments to moderate in calls from the three congregations of St. Thomas, Fingal, and Ridgeway.

Elders' commissions authorizing them to attend the meeting of Presbytery and Synod having been called for, only a few were produced; on which the Presbytery agreed, that sessions that had neglected their Elder's commission, should be called on through the *Record* to forward them without delay to the Clerk of Presbytery.

The Rev. Donald McKenzie reported that according to appointment, he had corresponded with the Toronto Upper Canada Tract Society respecting Mr. Silverstein, and the correspondence having been satisfactory, he had been engaged in the capacity of catechist and colporteur, to labour among the German population within the bounds of the Presbytery, according to the terms of resolution passed at last ordinary meeting.

A petition was presented from West Zorra, signed by 103 heads of families, praying that they might be formed into a distinct congregation, and intimating their intention of erecting a church five miles north-west of Embro. In connection with this a memorial was also presented by Mr. James Fraser, representing the impropriety of erecting a second church so near to the main church in Zorra, and proposing that the new house should be built at the village of Harrington, situated at an equal distance from

Embro and Stratford; being about nine miles from each place. The Presbytery agreed that the new church ought to be at a greater distance than five miles from the one already existing in Zorra, but delayed coming to a final decision, and appointed a deputation, consisting of the Rev. Thomas McPherson and Mr. William Clark, to meet both with the supporters of the petition and of the memorial, and endeavour to persuade them to fix on a site that will be satisfactory to all parties. The meeting was appointed to be held on the last Monday of July, and Mr. McPherson instructed to preach at the village of Harrington on the Sabbath immediately preceding it.

A call was laid on the table moderated in from the congregation of St. Thomas, and also a call moderated in from the congregation of Fingal, both in favour of the Rev. William McLaren, minister at Amherstburgh. The Presbytery having sustained the calls, placed them in the hands of Mr. McLaren, and appointed that the congregation of Amherstburgh be cited to appear for their own interest at next ordinary meeting.

A call was also presented from the congregation of Ridgeway in favour of Mr. William Forrest; but as Mr. Forrest was not yet eligible, no action could be taken on it.

A remit of Synod anent the examination of students was taken up, when, after lengthened discussion, the Presbytery agreed to recommend that the examination of students be solely intrusted to Presbyteries.

The Presbytery finding it impossible from lack of time to enter on an examination of the draft of a Book of Discipline as published in the *Record*, recommended that individual members should examine it in private, and be prepared to express their views respecting it at the meeting to be held on the 11th of June.

The Rev. Lachlan McPherson of Williams, and the Rev. Daniel Allan of North-casthope, resigned their respective charges. The Presbytery agreed to cite the congregations of the demitted charges to appear for their own interests; that of Williams at the meeting to be held on the 11th of June, and that of North-casthope at the ordinary meeting to be held on the second Tuesday of August.

Circular letters were read from the Presbyteries of Toronto and Hamilton. The letter from the former intimating an intention to apply to the Synod for leave to take Mr. John McKay on trial for license; and that from the latter intimating the same intention in regard to Messrs. McMillan and Cuthbertson.

A circular was also read from the Presbytery of Cobourg, respecting the Rev. Thomas Snell, formerly a minister of the Congregationalist Church, giving notice of the purpose of that Presbytery to apply to the Synod for permission to receive Mr. Snell as a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. The circular also stated the purpose of Mr. Snell to remove within the bounds of the London Presbytery, and recommended him as one, who might with the utmost propriety, be immediately employed in the mission field. The Presbytery perceiving from the circular that the rule of the Church had not been observed in the action of the Cobourg Presbytery respecting Mr. Snell, delayed coming to a decision relative to his employment as a missionary.

Petitions praying for the moderating in of a call, were presented from Mitchell and Plympton; when the Rev. David Walker was appointed to moderate in a call at Plympton, on Wednesday, the 4th of June, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and the Rev. Thomas McPherson appointed to moderate in a call at Mitchell, on Wednesday, the 4th of June, at the same hour.

A petition was read from the Presbyterian inhabitants at Windsor, stating the steps that had been taken for the erection of a Presbyterian Church there, specifying the conditions on which the property was to be held, and requesting con-

nection with the Free Presbyterian Church of London, and a supply of preaching. The Presbytery received the petition, and considering that the conditions specified the manner in which the property should be held were not contrary to any existing rules of the Church, agreed to grant the prayer of it, and to send to Windsor a supply of preaching at as early a date as possible.

Quarterly Statistical Returns were read from all the Congregations belonging to the Presbytery with the exceptions of Zorra, Blandford, Saugeen, and Sarnia.

The deputation appointed to visit the Congregations in behalf of the College Building Fund, reported, that the subscriptions already raised, so far as they had obtained information, amounted to £1,165.

Mr. McMullen, student of Divinity, underwent a preliminary examination, after which the Presbytery agreed to apply to the Synod for permission to take him on trial for license.

The draft of a short Trust Deed, for holding Church property, was laid on the table, by the Committee appointed at last ordinary meeting to prepare it, which the Presbytery approved of in the general, but recommitted it to the Committee for some alterations.

The Presbytery recorded their disapproval of the conduct of certain brethren, who are in the habit of leaving the court, without giving any notice of their intention of doing so—and returning to their homes, when much business remains unfinished. As this was done in very blameable way at the late meeting, the Presbytery deemed it their duty to take special notice of it.

The Presbytery appointed that the Lord's Supper should be dispensed at Chalmers' Church, Dunwich, on the 4th Sabbath of June, by the Rev. Mr. Sutherland and the Rev. Mr. Ferguson; at Bosanquet on the 5th Sabbath of June, by the Rev. Mr. Walker and the Rev. Mr. Sutherland; and at Currie Road Church, Dunwich, on the 1st Sabbath of July, by the Rev. Mr. Sutherland and the Rev. Mr. Doak.

The Home Mission business having been taken up, petitions were read, requesting supply of preaching, from Westminster and Frampton, Mersea, Tilbury, Bosanquet, Grey and Morris, Paisley, Bruce, Clinton, Carrick, Thamesford, and Yarmouth.

The following appointments were then given to the Missionaries at the disposal of the Presbytery:

The Rev. John Rennie was appointed to Tilbury for six weeks, and thereafter to Clinton and Morris.

The Rev. James Findlay to Ridgeway, till after the meeting of Synod, and then to Tilbury.

The Rev. David Beattie to St. Mary's till the meeting of Synod, and thereafter to Windsor for a month.

Mr. McMullen to Paisley till the meeting of Presbytery in August.

Mr. Blount to Mornington for two months, and thereafter to Westminster and North-Dorchester.

Mr. Archibald McDiarmid to South Dorchester and Yarmouth for three months, and thereafter to Bosanquet.

Mr. Daniel Clark to Port Burwell for three months, and thereafter to Wallaceburgh.

Mr. McLean to Wallaceton and Currie road, for two months, and thereafter to Grey.

Mr. Fraser to Komoka and South Carradoc till meeting of Synod.

The Presbytery appointed that Beachville should be supplied by the ministers in the neighbourhood. Arrangements were entrusted to the Rev. W. S. Ball.

It was agreed that deputations should be appointed to Carrick and other places in the north, at the meeting to be held on the 11th of June.

The Rev. John Gault's trials for ordination were heard and sustained, and the Presbytery then appointed to meet for his ordination, a