

With prayers and best wishes for God's blessing upon the work in which you are engaged, and also upon yourself and yours,
Yours, very truly,

WM. BAIN.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

A regular meeting was held, according to appointment, in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the 3rd ult. Present: Revs. John McDonald, *Moderator*, Dr. Mathieson, James C. Muir, William Simpson, James T. Paul, Frederick P. Sym, and William Snodgrass, *Ministers*, and Alex. Morris, Esq., Dr. Verity, and Mr. James Fenton, *Elders*.

The minutes of last meeting were adopted, and a commission from the Session at St. Louis de Gonzague in favour of Mr. William Paton, elected Representative Elder for the current year, was sustained.

The reports of the Presbyterial Visitations conducted last summer were read and Committees appointed, namely, Dr. Mathieson, Messrs. Simpson, Snodgrass and Morris, on reports of Beauharnois, St. Louis, Georgetown and Ormstown; Messrs. Muir, Sym and McDonald, on reports of City churches, Lachine and Huntingdon; and Messrs. Anderson, Wallace and Paul, on reports of Oneida, Chatham, Russeltown and Beechridge. — to prepare by next regular meeting drafts of letters proper to be addressed to the several congregations. The first named of each Committee to be Convener.

Mr. Muir being present gave explanations of his absence from the last three meetings of Presbytery and of his not forwarding the commission of the Representative Elder elected by the session of Georgetown. The explanations were received as satisfactory and Mr. Muir was enjoined to forward the commission required.

Mr. Sym reported the ordination of Hugh McLeod, Donald McKay, James Murdoch and Isaac Beecher, as elders of the congregation of Beechridge, agreeably to the instructions of Presbytery and the laws of the Church. The Moderator of the session was instructed to attend to the election of a Representative Elder for the current year.

The Committee on Supplies gave in a report of their operations, which was approved of, and the Committee was continued.

Dr. Mathieson reported that he visited Chatham according to instructions and that in present circumstances there is nothing of special importance to submit to the Court except the necessity of continued supply to Hawkesbury.

The Clerk reported that he furnished the Secretary to the Clergy Reserve Commissioners with returns of the expenditure of the Manse and Glebe Fund within the bounds. Also that he fulfilled all other instructions laid upon him.

The Committee of City Ministers and

Elders reported that a station is opened at Point St. Charles and that regular supplies have been given for some time, that a Sabbath School was begun in favourable circumstances, and that the Presbytery is indebted to the Directors of the Grand Trunk Railway Co. for the use of the station-house, which they willingly granted for accommodation on Sabbath. The Clerk was instructed to communicate to the Secretary to the Board of Directors the grateful acknowledgments of the Presbytery. The powers of the Committee were limited to the superintendence of the station at Point St. Charles.

The Missionaries read very full and interesting reports of their labours since last meeting, and the Presbytery are highly satisfied with the manner in which they fulfilled their appointments. It was agreed to grant the certificates for transmission to the Colonial Committee.

It was reported, to the great satisfaction of the Court, that the rates for supplies to vacant congregations are fully paid.

The Clerk submitted a number of applications for supplies which were disposed of as follows:

There was read a letter from the Rev. William Mair in which he expressed his gratitude to the Presbytery for the supply of Hawkesbury and Grenville in his present infirm state, and solicited continued assistance; also a memorial from the Hawkesbury congregation craving further services and stating the probable amount that will be raised. Mr. Moffat was appointed to supply Hawkesbury and Grenville till next meeting, with leave of absence on the 21st and 28th of February. The people are expected to contribute what they can to the Home Mission Fund, without encroaching on their obligations to the Rev. Wm. Mair.

There was read an application from the Elders and Trustees of the Hemmingford congregation for moderation in a call in favour of the Rev. James Paterson. The Presbytery appointed a call to be moderated in, after due notice from the pulpit, on the fourth day of March next, Divine service to begin at eleven o'clock, forenoon, and Mr. Sym to preach and preside. Mr. Paterson was appointed to supply Hemmingford in the meantime and till next meeting.

There was read a series of resolutions passed by the congregation of Dundee in reference to raising means for the support of a minister by adopting a system of pew rents. The Presbytery, exceedingly gratified at the evidences of zeal for ordinances displayed by this congregation, expressed their desire to do all in their power to aid them. Mr. Herald was appointed to supply Dundee till next meeting.

Mr. Fenton, being present, solicited continued supplies to Laprairie. Mr. Rannie was appointed to give services alternately at Laprairie and Point St.

Charles (beginning at Point St. Charles on Sabbath first) till next meeting, with instructions to intimate at Laprairie on the 14th a collection for the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

There was read a letter from the Rev. Thomas Haig craving supplies on account of ill health. The Presbytery sympathize deeply with Mr. Haig in his present severe affliction. Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Simpson, Mr. McDonald and Mr. Paul volunteered to give each one day's supply to Beauharnois—Mr. Haig to communicate with these parties as to arrangements. The letter was ordered to lie on the table.

There was read an application from Dr. Cook, at present superintending the studies of the Divinity Students at Queen's College, that Mr. Paterson might be allowed to continue to supply St. Andrew's, Quebec, during the month of February. The Presbytery, considering that one of their missionaries has already supplied that church for four Sabbaths, and that the arrangements already made for the distribution of the missionaries are such as the Presbytery find it necessary to make in existing circumstances, and especially in view of the disadvantage that might be occasioned by interrupting the supply of long vacant congregations; and further, having learned that Dr. Cook is otherwise assured of supplies, do not feel themselves called upon to grant his application.

A draft report on the subject of Statistics was read and schedules submitted. The Presbytery approved of the same and ordered them to be transmitted to Synod.

The Clerk gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting that the Presbytery overture the Synod on the subject of correspondence with the Parent Church, and also in reference to certain points in the Royal Charter of Queen's College. Mr. Morris gave notice of an overture on Presbyterial reports.

The Court then adjourned till the following day, when, after a short sitting, the next meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the first Wednesday of May next.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Presbytery of Toronto met on the 16th February in St. Andrew's Church, Rev. Mr. McKerras, moderator; present, Barclay, Tawse, Brown, Bain, Barr, Lewis, McMurchy, Campbell (Brock), Gordon, ministers; E. Thomson, T. A. Thomson, Skelton, A. Stewart, Wells, D. Cameron, Smith and A. Brown, elders.—After prayer and the initiatory formal proceedings a petition was presented from the newly formed congregation in Lindsay for a moderation in favor of Mr. Livingston, and after mature deliberation it was resolved that Lindsay and Fenelon have strong claims on the care of the Presbytery, but that, having been hitherto regarded as