

Infirm Ministers Fund, was remitted to a committee to report in March. Commissioners were appointed to visit the aid receiving congregations in connection with the augmentation scheme.—GEORGE SUTHERLAND, *Clk.*

SARNIA: 16 December:—The business was chiefly of local interest, deputations were appointed to visit the congregations in the interests of the Augmentation scheme. Congregations were directed to hold missionary meetings. The next meeting to be held at Strathroy, when remits will be considered and elders' commissions received.—G. CUTHBERTSON, *Clk.*

OWEN SOUND: 16 December:—The Presbytery, without committing itself to the reasoning of the Assembly's Committee on Marriage with a deceased wife's sister, agreed to the recommendation of the committee. The other remits from the Assembly were referred to committees to report at next meeting. The sum required for Home Mission and Augmentation purposes was allocated to the various congregations and mission stations. On considering the Home Mission report, a committee was appointed to take into consideration the whole question of the supply of our mission fields regularly with Gospel ordinances, and suggest a remedy for the present distress.—J. SOMERVILLE, *Clk.*

BRANDON:—At the last meeting of this, one of the new Presbyteries, the Superintendent of Missions presented his report. Since last meeting he had presided at Mr. Baird's ordination at Edmonton, and reported that he had appointed Mr. Robertson to Calgary, Mr. Taylor to Moosejaw, Mr. Davidson to Medicine Hat, Mr. Winchester to Rapid City, and Mr. Court, a catechist, to Auburn. He reported a number of fields without supply. The report of the Synodical Home Mission Committee was severely commented upon, inasmuch as that grants had been reduced without consulting the parties chiefly interested, and this would be very hard on the missionaries, and would have the effect of preventing others from coming to this part of the country. A letter was read from Rev. Mr. Stewart, formerly of Palestine, informing the Presbytery of the death of Mrs. Stewart. Much sympathy was expressed.—JAMES M. DOUGLAS, *Clk.*

KINGSTON: December 15:—The congregation of Demorestville is to be supplied by Mr. Coulthard, but not to form a part of his pastoral charge. A committee was appointed to look after the interests of the Augmentation Fund, so as to have the matter brought before the several congregations. Strenuous efforts are being made, and with some success, to secure ordained missionaries for the large mission districts within the bounds. The congregations were assessed for Presbytery purposes at the rate of twelve cents per family.—T. S. CHAMBERS, *Clk.*

MAITLAND: December 16:—Committees were appointed to visit supplemented congregations and those under the minimum. Excellent reports on the statistics and finances of the Presbytery were given in by Messrs. Hartley and Brown.

The evening sederunt of the meeting of Presbytery in March is set apart for hearing the report on the State of Religion, the report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery, and addresses on the Missions of the Church. A conference was held in the evening on "The Sabbath," introduced by Mr. Hutton, elder. A Sabbath-school convention to be held in Lucknow on 24th February.—R. LEASK, *Clk.*

MONTREAL: 13th January:—Forty ministers and a considerable number of elders were present. Rev. R. H. Warden was elected moderator for the ensuing term. Deputies were appointed to visit all the aid-receiving congregations in the bounds, and steps taken to secure the required amount of \$6000 within the Presbytery this year for Augmentation of stipends. A committee on French Evangelization was appointed with instructions to visit all the French fields in the Presbytery. The Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was instructed to co-operate with the families in Cote St. Antoine in the organizing of a congregation in that growing suburb. Rev. J. B. Muir was granted three months leave of absence to visit Britain. A call was reported from St. Joseph Street congregation to Rev. L. H. Jordan, of Halifax. A resolution was adopted, calling upon the Montreal City Council to enforce the law relating to Sabbath observance. *In re*, marriage with a deceased wife's sister, the remit from the General Assembly was approved. The Presbytery thus affirmed that, in its opinion, the proposition that "a man may not marry any of his wife's kindred nearer in blood than he may of his own" is not sufficiently sustained by the authority of Scripture; and further, "that church discipline shall not be exercised in regard to marriage with a deceased wife's sister, wife's aunt and wife's niece.—J. PATTERSON, *Clk.*

TORONTO: January 13:—Rev. J. Straith's death being announced, a committee was appointed to draft a minute, which was afterwards submitted and adopted anent said event, and steps were taken to have the charge declared vacant. Rev. Dr. Gregg, on behalf of the assessors appointed to sit with the session of Cooke's Church, Toronto, read a report embracing various matters anent said church, informed the Presbytery of the resignation of office by all the elders, and handed in certain papers with a recommendation to hold them *in relictis*, as the pastor, Rev. J. Kirkpatrick had expressed his intention to resign. The report was received and a letter was read from Mr. Kirkpatrick resigning his charge. It was then agreed to appoint the clerk to preach to the congregation of Cooke's Church on the 25th inst., and to cite them to appear for their interest next meeting of Presbytery, viz., on the 3rd day of February, and the assessors were also continued in office with power to take up any competent business that might come before them. In terms of a motion, previously given notice of by Rev. R. D. Fraser, the Presbytery agreed to meet for ordinary business *once every month*. The Assembly's remit anent mar-