

oravillo, and found the people still warmly making enquiry after the services of a Missionary. Reports were given by the Ministers present, on the subject of the collections for the Schemes of the Church. These collections, as will be seen by the receipts in the *Record*, are regularly taken, and the amount in each congregation, is annually on the increase.

The Rev. James Sinclair, an ordained Missionary, who, in September made application to be received into the Presbytery, appeared and laid his Testimonials on the table. Mr. Sinclair had been supplying the Stations above-named for some weeks, by the sanction of a member of Presbytery. His Testimonials were carefully examined, and the Presbytery unanimously agreed to receive him, as an ordained Missionary, and appointed him to supply the Stations at which he had been labouring, with acceptability, until next meeting of Presbytery. The Clerk was requested to report him to the Home Mission Committee.

Messrs. Smart and McMurray, and Adiel Sherwood, Esq., Elder, were appointed a Committee to draw up a Plan for the "Presbytery's Mission" operations, and give due notice of the appointments to the several Congregations and Stations where the said meetings are to be held, and to remind the people, that collections will be taken at each place for the "Presbytery's Mission Fund."

Missionary Meetings were appointed to be held at the following times and places:—

1. Brockville, Monday, Jan. 9, 1854, 7, p.m.
2. Bellamyville, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 6, p.m.
3. Moore's School-house, Wednesday, January 11, 6, p.m.
4. Yonge-Stone Church, Thursday, January 12, 6, p.m.
5. Maitland, Friday, Jan. 13, 6, p. m.
6. Charleston, Monday, January 16th, 6, p.m.
7. Beverley, Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2, p.m.
8. Elgin, Tuesday, January 17, 6, p.m.
9. Newboro, Wednesday, Jan. 18, 6½, p.m.
10. Bedford, Thursday, January 19, 2, p.m.
11. Westport, Thursday, 19, 6½, p.m.
12. Prescott, Tuesday, February, 7, 6½, p.m.
13. Edwardsburgh (Front), Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2, p.m.
14. Spencerville, Wednesday, February 8, 6, p.m.
15. South Gower, Thursday, February 9, 2, p.m.
16. Kemptville, Thursday, Feb. 9, 6½, p.m.
17. Mountain, Friday, February 10, 11, p.m.

JOHN McMURRAY, Pres. Clerk.

#### PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The special meeting of this Presbytery on the 16th Nov., was adjourned to the 30th, on which occasion, the Rev. Mr. Inglis, having returned from Britain, took his seat, and thanked the Presbytery for his election as moderator.

The Presbytery resumed consideration of the call from the congregation of Ardersier, Scotland, to the Rev. A. Cameron, Lochiel. In reply to the citation of the Presbytery, a memorial from the congregation of Lochiel was presented and read—expressing deep regret at the loss of Mr. Cameron's ministrations, but offering no opposition to his following out his own sense of duty. Mr. Cameron being called on, stated his willingness to accept the call from Ardersier; whereupon it was moved, seconded, and resolved—that Mr. Alexander Cameron be transferred to the Free Presbytery of Nairn, with a view to his settlement at Ardersier—and that an extract of this minute be sent to the Clerk of said Presbytery.

In compliance with an application from the office-bearers at Vankleekhill, it was agreed to moderate in a call from the congregation there

to Mr. Duncan Cameron, Probationer. The Rev. Mr. Gordon, of Indian Lands was appointed to attend to this duty.

A communication from the Rev. James Drummond was read, declining the call addressed to him by the congregations of Martintown and Williamstown, and apologising for his delay in making this intimation to the Presbytery.

D. FRASER, Pres. Clerk.

#### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

##### CALL TO REV. R. IRVINE, FROM FIRST CONGREGATION, LONDONDERRY.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto, held on the 7th ult., there was laid on the table a call to the Rev. R. Irvine, from the First Congregation in Londonderry. Intimation having been previously given to the congregation, a Deputation appeared, and presented an able and earnest memorial, praying the Presbytery not to remove Mr. Irvine from his present charge in Toronto. The Presbytery, after hearing Mr. Irvine, who was willing to submit to the decision of the Court, with almost perfect unanimity were in favor of Mr. Irvine's continuing in his present charge, and accordingly decided that it was not expedient to translate him. A Committee of Presbytery was appointed to draw up a letter to be transmitted to Londonderry, explaining the grounds of the Presbytery's decision, and expressing their Christian sympathy with the congregation thus disappointed. We subjoin a copy of the letter that was transmitted. We cordially approve of the decision of Presbytery, believing Mr. Irvine to be too valuable a minister to be removed from the Canadian field. May the Great Head of the Church hallow the bond that unites his congregation and himself together, and abundantly own his labours in the important sphere which he is called to occupy:—

To the Rev. W. McLure, Londonderry.

Toronto, Dec 9, 1853.

MY DEAR SIR,—

Having been appointed, along with the Rev. Mr. Reid, to communicate with you by letter, in reference to the late decision of Presbytery, in the matter of the call to Mr. Irvine, from the first congregation in Derry, permit me, in all affection, to represent to you the grounds of the said decision, with the assurance of the Presbytery's fraternal consideration and sympathy for the parties necessarily disappointed in their wishes.

Our Rev. brother, Mr. Irvine, was but a little more than a year ago introduced to the pastoral charge of the second congregation here—a congregation recently organized, and which, previous to its settlement with our esteemed brother as its pastor, had been well nigh sickened by delay in obtaining its desire of finding a candidate, on whom its members could unite. Ground has been purchased for a building, and, of course, considerable responsibility incurred by the trustees, in the faith of the new settlement being undisturbed, at least until a fair trial has been made of its working, and the congregation consolidated. The success of Mr. Irvine's exertions has been very gratifying so far; though a wide field of usefulness opening to him has comparatively but begun to be taken advantage of; nor has either he or the congregation had yet the full advantages for operating on the rapidly increasing population of this city and province, which, under God, he will soon both possess and turn to the benefit of an interesting portion of your immediate countrymen in this distant land, as well as of the other citizens, who so generally appreciate Mr. Irvine's ministerial gifts.

It was a trial of the patience of a congregation so circumstanced, to be deprived so soon, for three months, of the presence of their pastor; but it would have occasioned double disappointment and vexation, if this inconvenience to

which they submitted, in just deference to their pastor's domestic call of duty, had been the means also of originating competing claims for his services, and depriving them of his presence when most of all required. We can understand how the circumstances of his family induced Mr. Irvine, when at home in Ireland, to lend a favourable ear to an invitation, naturally enough also tendered on your or your congregation's part, on the supposition of domestic affliction, forbidding the departure of our brother's family to this scene of his labours. But the Presbytery's hope is already happily verified in the improvement of their health; and we feel assured that you and your people will generously allow for the difficulty which Mr. Irvine felt in implementing any pledge, or approach to a pledge, given to you under the circumstances, which are already altered. You will feel with us, that his congregation has had reason to think that at least a virtual pledge already existed, in Mr. Irvine's undertaking the charge so lately, with the knowledge that a much longer time than has yet elapsed, was all but essential to a new congregation's establishment.

In Mr. Irvine's perplexity between his favourable pledges to you, and his sense of duty to the flock here, on the grounds they have so feelingly urged, he left the decision in our hands, and we could not hesitate as to our determination, as the unanimity of the Presbytery will have convinced you.

We feel for the injurious tendency of any such disappointment to whatever congregation it is allotted to suffer the infliction; but we are consoled by the thought that Derry congregation is not destitute, enjoying as it does the efficient services of a pastor yet in the vigor of life. And we do persuade ourselves, that you will not grudge us the advantage likely to accrue to the cause of religion, from the detention among us of a labourer we could ill afford to lose; and who, while ministering to many who have left your own loved Ireland; but never cease to look back to its pastors, and congregations, and Sabbaths and sanctuaries, with fond affection, is not without opportunity of serving your country and Church, in the care of its expatriated children—still beloved by you and longed for. Are we not members one of another? The Body is one.

With much respect, I am, in behalf of the Presbytery, (and with the concurrence of Mr. Reid,) your and your congregation's friend and well-wisher,

MICHAEL WILLIS, D. D., S. S. T. P.

#### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery took place on the 19th and 20th ult. We have no space for a full account of the proceedings, but merely note the following items.

The Presbytery, after mature consideration, agreed that Rev. J. Nisbet should not be translated.

The Sustentation Committee were appointed to meet as soon as possible, and to take steps for obtaining the Financial Statistics of the various congregations within the bounds.

The Presbytery spent some time in conference on the subject of Revival, and resolved to take the subject up again at next ordinary meeting.

The following scheme of Missionary meetings was approved of:—

##### 1st Division.

Highland Creek, Monday, 16th January, 12 o'clock, noon.

Knox's Church, Scarborough, Monday, 16th January, 11 o'clock, a.m.

Knox's Church, Toronto, Monday, 6th February.

Second Congregation, Tuesday, 7th February.

York Mills, Wednesday, 8th February.

Whitby, Thursday, 9th February.

Bradford and W. Gwillimbury, Monday, 13th February.