

PRE-BYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Presbytery of Toronto met on the 8th and 9th of July, and transacted a considerable amount of business. Rev. Mr. Cre was appointed Moderator for the ensuing 12 months.

The case of Rev. Mr. McKenzie's resignation of the Barrie portion of his pastoral charge was taken up. The former minute thereon being read, Mr. McKenzie now tendered the resignation of his whole charge. The Presbytery agreed to proceed to take up the matter of Mr. McKenzie's resignation of the whole of his charge, as it appears that the parties concerned have been made aware of the new aspect in which the case now comes before the Court.

Parties being called, there appeared Rev. Mr. McKenzie for himself. Mr. Gavin Allan, Elder, to represent Barrie Congregation.—Parties were heard and removed; whereupon, after deliberation, it was moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. McLavish, and unanimously agreed, "that taking into consideration all the circumstances of the case, the resignation of Mr. McKenzie's pastoral charge in Barrie, Innisfil and Essa, be now accepted."

Mr. Lowry introduced to the Presbytery, the Rev. John McMechan, ordained missionary from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and read testimonials on his behalf designating him as a missionary to Canada, and commending him to the office-bearers and members of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. These testimonials were found to be satisfactory, and Mr. McMechan was accordingly received as an ordained missionary of this Church.

The subject of Presbyterial visitations was then considered, when it was agreed that a Presbyterial visitation be held at Knox's Church, Scarborough, on Tuesday, the 28th current, and another at York Mills, on the 29th, at eleven o'clock. Notice to be given on the previous Sabbath. Mr. Laing and Mr. Wightman to preach at the opening of these visitations.

An application being made on behalf of the Congregations in West Gwillimbury for moderation of a call. Mr. McLavish and Mr. Gray were appointed to enquire into the state of these congregations, and if substantial harmony exists to go on with the moderation, but if otherwise, to use all proper means to bring about a state of harmony, and report.

A letter was read from Mr. Anderson, missionary in Brock and Reach, relative to the communion formerly asked, also a case of discipline there. It was agreed to delay the communion in the meantime, and appoint Messrs. McLavish and Lowry, Ministers, with Messrs W. Heron, and John Gunn, Elders, to enquire into the case of discipline.

In the evening of the 8th, the Rev. W. Gregg, who had accepted a call from the Congregation of Cookes' Church, Toronto, the Presbytery of Kingston having agreed to his translation from Belleville, was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Cooke's Church.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. F. Burns, of St. Catherine's. The prescribed questions were put and the induction prayer offered by Rev. T. Lowry, who presided on the occasion. Mr. Lowry also addressed the minister, and Mr. McLavish the people, on their respective duties.

On Thursday, Mr. James Cameron, student, gave all his trial discourses, and also passed his oral examinations with approbation; and was licensed to preach the Gospel of Christ and exercise his gifts as a probationer for the holy ministry, wherever God in his providence may call him.

He was then addressed in appropriate terms by the Moderator in reference to his duties and responsibilities as a probationer.

Arrangements were made for keeping up the missionary supplies within the bounds.—Several appointments were made for dispens-

ing the Sacrament of the Lord's supper in vacant congregations; and for organizing some of these congregations, also, several of the brethren were appointed to visit the various mission stations within the Presbytery at their earliest convenience and report.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Knox's Church, Scarborough, on the 28th July, at Eleven o'clock, and at York Mills on the 29th.

Next ordinary meeting appointed to be held in Toronto, on the first Wednesday, (the 2nd day) of September, at Eleven o'clock, when Session Records and Quarterly Returns will be called for.

THOS. WIGHTMAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of London was held at London, on the 7th & 8th of July.

An extract minute having been read from the Presbytery of Toronto intimating the decision of that Pre-bytery in favour of the translation of Mr Meldrum from Vaughan to Storrington, Mr. Meldrum's induction at the latter place was appointed to take place on Wednesday, the 22nd Inst, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Mr. Allen was appointed to preach and preside, and Mr. McKenzie to address the minister and people.

A Petition from the Congregation at Bosanquet was read, requesting the moderation of a call in favour of Mr James Blount, the prayer of which could not be granted, in consequence of Mr. Blount not having yet received license.

Quarterly Missionary Reports were read from Messrs. McLean, McRobie, Blount, and McKay.

At the request of the Presbyterians at Thamesville, that place was entered on the list of the Presbytery's mission stations, and Mr. McColl appointed to preach there one Sabbath in July, Mr. Forrest one Sabbath in August, and Mr. Sutherland one Sabbath in September.

Mr. Doak, of Port Stanley, was appointed to give four weeks to Clinton and neighbouring stations, and to dispense to ordinance of the Lord's Supper at Clinton during his stay there, assisted on the week days by Messrs Ross and Graham.

In answer to a petition from Hullot requesting missionary supply, Mr. Doak was appointed to visit that township during his stay at Clinton.

Mr. McMillan, of Fingal, and Mr. Beattie of St. Mary's, were appointed to spend four weeks in visiting Kincardine, Culross, Carrick, and several other townships in the Counties of Bruce and Huron.

Mr. Ross was appointed to preach at Grey on the first Sabbath of September, and he and Mr. Graham appointed to dispense the ordinance of the Lord's supper at Wallacetown, on the first Sabbath of Oct., assisted in the preparatory services by Mr. Young, and Mr. McMillan of Fingal.

A special meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Kincardine, on the 29th of July, for the purpose of hearing the trial discourses of Mr. James Blount.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of London was appointed to be held at London, on the first Tuesday of October, at 10 o'clock, A. M. JONAS SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

REPORT ON STATISTICS FOR 1857.

In presenting this Annual Report, the Committee are called on to explain the reason why it has not been laid on the table of the Synod in a printed form. They have simply to state that the Returns came in so tardily, that it was impossible to draw up and present any thing like a satisfactory Report at the opening of the Synod; and they have preferred to crave the indulgence of the Synod for a little delay, to laying before it an imperfect Report. The Committee believe that the result has justified the course which they have pursued.

There are now on the Synod Roll 124 ministers, of whom four are connected with the Col-

lege and Agency, and two are without charge. There are thus 118 settled in pastoral charges. Reports have been received from 99 of these charges, and also from a few vacant congregations and mission stations. It thus appears that there is a more full representation this year than on any former occasion. It is hoped that next year's Returns will be still more satisfactory, so that a full synopsis of the Church's affairs may be presented to the Synod and the Church at large.

No reports have been received from the following settled congregations, viz:—

Presbytery of Montreal, 5.—English River, Osnabrock, Winslow, Vankleekhull, Indian Lands. Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa, 1.—Pembroke.

Presbytery of Kingston, 1.—Madoc. Presbytery of Toronto, 4.—Chinguncoucy, Acton, Markham Ashburn.

Presbytery of Hamilton, 4.—Galt, Guelph, W. Puslinch, Berlin.

Presbytery of London, 6.—North Easthope, Woodstock, (Knox's Church), Blandford, St Mary's, Beaulieu, Mitchell.

In all, 21 congregations. Of this number, eight, marked in italics, have been recently settled; and there remain, therefore, only 13 that have not given in Returns. There were last year 16 unrepresented; and the Committee believe that, considering the increase in the number of settled charges, there has been a most encouraging improvement.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

There is herewith presented, in a Tabular form, a view of the most important items brought under the notice of the Committee under the first heading in the printed schedule. There is not so great an increase in the membership as might be anticipated from the large increase in the number of settled congregations. This, apparently unsatisfactory, result may be accounted for, probably, on the ground that some large congregations that gave in returns last year have failed to do so this year. The additions to the various Communion Rolls are considerable, and in some instances of a most encouraging nature. A glance at the table will give every information on this interesting point:—

Presbyteries.	Total		Last year		Difference
	1857	1856	1857	1856	
Montreal	17	1914	17	1914	
Hockley and Ottawa	14	2146	14	2146	
Kingston	9	661	9	661	
Cobourg	7	1988	7	1988	
Toronto	32	2908	32	2908	
Hamilton	52	3658	52	3658	
London	30	2522	30	2522	
	124	14901	124	14901	
	110	13722	110	13722	
	14	1179	14	1179	
		1247		1247	
		306		306	
		51		51	
		148		148	
		903		903	
		428		428	
		148		148	
No. of Ministers.	17	14	17	14	
No. of Members.	1914	2146	1914	2146	
Increase in 1857	157	306	157	306	
Congregational Libraries.	5	5	5	5	
No. of Volumes in Cong'l Lib.	1035	730	1035	730	
No. of Manses and Glebes.	6	6	6	6	
Value of Manses and Glebes.	1428	1290	1428	1290	
Value of Churches.	19715	8150	19715	8150	
	6800	6800	6800	6800	
	3290	3290	3290	3290	
	1760	1760	1760	1760	
	14138	14138	14138	14138	
	2880	2880	2880	2880	
	9580	9580	9580	9580	
	5225	5225	5225	5225	
	9312	9312	9312	9312	
	80908	80908	80908	80908	
	11007	77312	11007	77312	
	5316	5316	5316	5316	
	3534	3534	3534	3534	

It will be observed from the above table that there has been an increase of fourteen ministers;