

It was then on motion of Mr. T. A. Gibson, seconded by Mr. J. S. Hunter, resolved:

That the Report now read be adopted and published in *The Presbyterian*.

The routine business of the evening having been proceeded with, the election of Office-bearers took place with the following result:

President.

HON. P. MCGILL.

Vice-Presidents.

JOHN SMITH, HUGH ALLAN,
H.W. RAMSAY, J. GREENSHIELDS.

Treasurer.

ALEXANDER MORRIS.

Recording Secretary.

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Corresponding Secretary.

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The appointments having been declared, the proceedings of the evening were closed with prayer by the Revd. Mr. Dobie.

ALEXANDER MORRIS.

Recording Secretary.

Montreal, 28th Dec., 1852.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

This Presbytery met according to appointment in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 16th November. There was a fair attendance of Members, but no great quantity of important business to be transacted. A few appointments were made for the supply of sermon. Among these may be specified the provision of the regular supply of sermon to the congregation of Scarborough during the absence of the Rev. James George in the discharge of his duties as Professor of Systematic Theology in Queen's College. From the fact that in most of the settled congregations the (winter) half-yearly dispensation of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper takes place during the current three months, it was found impracticable to make the usual number of appointments for supplying vacant congregations. This is more to be regretted because of the loss which the Presbytery sustains in this department through the withdrawal of Rev. Mr. Campbell, who for some time has been employed as Missionary within their bounds, but who has now removed to Kingston, there to act as assistant to Dr. Machar. Mr. Campbell gave in a Report of his labours as Missionary for the last three months, with which the Presbytery declared their high satisfaction.

The following extracts from this excellent Report may be interesting to the readers of the *Presbyterian*.

REPORT OF THE REV. MR. CAMPBELL,
MISSIONARY.

To the Reverend
The Presbytery of Toronto.

Your Missionary, having endeavoured to perform the duties which you were pleased to entrust to him, is desirous of submitting a report of his labours. As directed by a Committee of your Reverend Court, he proceeded to Uxbridge, and preached in the Church on Quaker Hill on Sabbath, the 12th of September, to about 150 hearers, on the 26th to 180 or 200 persons, and on Monday, the 27th, to a small audience. He also preached on the same Sabbaths in a schoolhouse in Scott, distant 3 miles from the Uxbridge Church, to from 100 to 130 persons. The congregation of Scott and Uxbridge consists of about 40 families, and, having recently had the advantage of a stated Minister's labours, are in a better state of organization than the other vacant charges which your Missionary has visited within your bounds. The country in the vicinity of the church has been settled nearly half a century, is well cleared, and the soil being fertile, many of the inhabitants live in circumstances of comfort and independence. They appear anxious that a minister should be settled amongst them, and both the moral and physical features of the locality present a good prospect of an interesting field for ministerial labour. But, as the number of adherents is not large, and as various other denominations are labouring among them, there is reason to fear that the interests of the congregation would suffer severely from a long vacancy. Fortunately the Presbyterians in the neighbourhood are not as yet much divided; but the agents of other sects, who profess to hold the Westminster Confession of Faith as their standard of doctrine and ecclesiastical usage, have not been wanting in attempts to proselytize.

Brock.—Your Missionary preached in the church in Brock on the 19th of September and 14th of November. In this place our Church has a very large number of adherents. A very respectable person named 121 heads of families, all of whom are personally known to him, as staunch supporters, and reside within a circumference drawn from the church with a radius of five miles. Besides these there are many families living at a greater distance, who are longing for the enjoyment of the ordinances of Religion in connection with the Church of their Fathers. Of the 121 families mentioned, 65 reside in Mariposa, 33 in Brock, and 23 in Reach. There is a Minister of the Free Church stationed in Brock and Reach, who is partly supported by persons who are professed adherents of the Church of Scotland, and who attend his public services in the absence of any stated ministrations in their own connection; while many others, having despaired of ever getting a Minister of their own Church, have connected

themselves with his congregation. The church in Brock is a comfortable frame-building, capable of accommodating an audience of 300 persons. It has been built since the unfortunate Secession of 1844, has been completely finished with the exception of seats, and the managers have been enabled to pay the whole expense. It is situated on the townline between Brock and Mariposa, one mile north of the line separating Brock from Reach. Its situation thus adapts it for the accommodation of the inhabitants of these townships. It is situated on the great road leading from Oshawa, on the shore of Lake Ontario, to the interior, and which is now travelled for a distance of 50 or 60 miles. The church is 25 miles from Oshawa, and an incorporated company are now actively engaged in planking and gravelling the road to a point 24 miles from Oshawa, and within one mile of the church. When the company shall have accomplished their undertaking, these townships, from their ready access to a good market and the extreme fertility of their soil, will shortly be second to few in Canada in point of advantages. The congregation is chiefly composed of Scotch Highlanders, many of whom cannot understand an English sermon. Its purely Gaelic composition will be evident when it is known that, when the Lord's Supper was lately dispensed there by members of your Reverend Presbytery, of 91 communicants only two were of other than Highland origin and preferred the English language. Indeed your Missionary is personally aware that there are not a few persons there who can speak no English.

NOTTAWASAGA AND SUNNIDALE.—Your Missionary preached seven times in Nottawasaga and twice in Sunnidale. The former contains a very large Presbyterian population, probably not less than 200 families; and after particular inquiry he believes that about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the whole adhere to the Church of Scotland, embracing a considerable majority of the whole population. If a minister were speedily settled there, he has no doubt that some, who are attached to other Presbyterian denominations, would cheerfully unite with our Church. This township is bounded on the West by Collingwood and Osprey, both of which are chiefly inhabited by adherents to the Church of Scotland, and many of whom live contiguous to Nottawasaga, so that they could there attend Divine service. It is of vital importance that these settlements should be supplied with the means of grace. No other denomination has any hold here; but, should the northern terminus of the Northern Rail Road be fixed at the mouth of the Nottawasaga River, a great influx of new settlers would undoubtedly follow, most of whom would probably belong to other denominations, and, uniting with their brethren now residing there, would soon take steps to procure ministers of their own. Even