

The Clerk stated that he had received the sum of \$132 from the Kirk Session of Martintown for the services of the Missionary, which being the full amount owing by them, the Presbytery expressed their desire that other congregations should do likewise. The receipt of \$2 from the session of Cote St. George for part of a day's service of the Missionary was also acknowledged.

## PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

A meeting of this Presbytery was held at Fergus on the 1st of November. There were present the Revs. Jas. Thom, Moderator, Hamilton Gibson, Geo. MacDonnell, Kenneth MacLennan, John Whyte and John Hogg, Ministers, with A. D. Fordyce, Esq., Elder.

The meeting having been constituted, the minutes of the previous meeting held at Guelph were sustained. The Rev. Dr. Barclay, of Toronto, being present, was requested to sit and deliberate with the Presbytery.

Mr. Hogg reported that he had preached in St. Andrew's Church, Galt, on the 21st October, and cited the congregation to compare at Fergus that day. An opportunity having been afforded them to state objections to the translation of Mr. Gibson, and none being stated, the congregation were held to be consenting to the translation. The Moderator then having asked Mr. Gibson, he expressed his intention of accepting the "call" to Bayfield and Varna; and the question being put to the Presbytery, translation or not, it was unanimously agreed to translate. The Clerk was instructed to intimate accordingly to the Clerk of the Presbytery of London and Mr. Gibson was instructed to obey the orders of the Presbytery of London as to the day of his induction into Bayfield and Varna: the Clerk of the Presbytery of London to be requested to give immediate notification of Mr. Gibson's induction to the Clerk of this Presbytery.

In the event of receiving notification of Mr. Gibson's inductor, Mr. MacDonnell was appointed to preach at Galt, and declare the church vacant on the 25th inst., Mr. Thom to preach at Fergus on the same day, and Mr. Whyte to supply Galt on the 9th of December.

Mr. MacLennan reported that he had cited the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Paisley, to compare at this meeting and state objections, if they desired, to his translation. A communication was received from John Valentine, Esq., Chairman of Trustees, requesting the sympathy and aid of the Presbytery in the prospect of Mr. MacLennan's translation to Whitley. Dr. Barclay was then heard as a Commissioner from the Presbytery of Toronto in favour of Mr. MacLennan's translation to Whitley. On the question being put by the Moderator, (Mr. Mac-

Lennan having intimated his intention of accepting the "call,") translate or not translate, it was unanimously agreed to translate. The Clerk was instructed to take the requisite consequent steps, and Mr. MacLennan to await the pleasure of the Presbytery of Toronto as to the day of his induction.

Mr. Thomson was appointed to preach at Paisley on the 1st Sabbath of December, and at Mount Forest on the second; Mr. Hay to preach at Freelon and Puslinch on the third Sabbath in December. The appointment of an elder for Galt was postponed till the ordinary meeting in December.

The meeting was then closed with prayer.

## PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

This Presbytery held its ordinary meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on Wednesday, the 7th ultimo.

The following members were present:—Rev. James Patterson, Moderator; Rev. Dr. Mathieson, Messrs. Simpson, Wallace, McDonald, Sym, Snodgrass, and Masson, Ministers; and Messrs. Alexander Morris and John McMartin, Elders.

Dr. Mathieson drew the attention of the Presbytery to the melancholy circumstance of the death of the Rev. William Mair, of Chatham, on the 17th October last, and reported that he had preached in the Church at Chatham on the following Sunday, on which day Mr. Mair was interred there.

The Presbytery agree to record the deep sorrow which they feel under this afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence, which has deprived them of the cooperation and advice of a highly esteemed and respected brother, who had "laboured with them in the Gospel" for the long period of twenty-seven years.

They also express their sympathy with the united congregations of Chatham and Grenville on their being bereaved of a minister who had endeared himself to their affections by the simplicity of his manners, the kind dispositions of his heart and the earnestness and impressive eloquence of his pulpit discourses.

They further express their deep sympathy with the sisters of Mr. Mair, who by this dispensation have been deprived of the love and tender offices of a kind and affectionate brother, and instruct the Clerk to transmit to them a copy of this minute.

The Presbytery appointed Mr. Simpson to preach at Chatham on Sabbath the 18th inst. and declare the charge vacant.

Mr. Wallace reported that the Rev. John Livingston, B.A., Minister of Dundee, died at the village of Dundee on the 15th day of August last, and that he was buried there on the 17th day of the same month, in the 9th month of his ministry.

The Presbytery record their sorrow at being called upon to bear this afflictive

dispensation so soon after the induction of their deceased brother to his first charge, and they feel this bereavement all the more that Mr. Livingston was a young man of such scholarly attainments, enlightened piety and earnest zeal as to give promise of great usefulness in the work of the Ministry. They also desire to express their sincere sympathy with the congregation of Dundee, and with Mr. Livingston's widowed mother and the other members of her family, and instruct the Clerk to communicate to his mother an extract of this minute.

The Presbytery appointed Mr. Sym to preach at Dundee on Sabbath the 18th and declare the Church vacant.

On the suggestion of Mr. Wallace that the Presbytery, considering the solemn events that had occurred in the death of their two brethren, should unite in prayer, the Moderator called on Mr. Snodgrass, who engaged in prayer accordingly.

Dr. Mathieson read a letter from the late Mr. Mair, which had been received too late for the last ordinary meeting of the Court, in which Mr. Mair had expressed his regret at not being able to attend that meeting, and his desire that the Presbytery would allow him to put in record his entire acquiescence in all that his friends had done on his behalf in reference to his late charge at Hawkesbury Mills.

The Report of Messrs. Sym and Snodgrass, who in the absence of a quorum of Presbytery at the meeting appointed to be held at Chatham on the 11th September last resolved themselves into a committee of Presbytery, was read; also a letter from Lemuel Cushing, intimating that a subscription list amounting to £75 for the support of a Minister had been made by the congregation there. The Presbytery received the report, thanking the members of the committee for their diligence, and instructed the Clerk to intimate to Mr. Cushing the existence of the interim act of Synod requiring a guaranteed stipend of \$400 before a minister can be inducted.

The Moderator reported his fulfilment of the Presbytery's instructions to him to prepare and communicate to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland a statement of the wants of the Presbytery in respect of missionary labour, and gave in a copy of the letter which he had addressed to the Committee. A communication in reply to the same from the Secretary of the Colonial Committee was also read to the effect that the Committee would consider the application; but that in consequence of the present state of their funds, and the demands made on them by the Church in other colonies, they could not at present send out any Missionaries to this Presbytery.

The Presbytery ordered all session records to be brought up for revision at next ordinary meeting, and instructed the Clerk to issue a printed circular to session clerks, intimating the same.