

A call from the congregation of Detroit in favor of Rev. Stephen Balmer was laid on the table and read. A paper protesting against the call was also read. The Presbytery agreed not to sustain the call.

A letter was read from Rev. Archibald McDiarmid intimating his acceptance of the call from Amherstburgh.

The Presbytery appointed his induction to take place on 14th February next, at 11 a.m. Rev. A. F. Kemp to preach and preside, Rev. Mr. King to address the minister, and Rev. P. McDermid to address the people.

The Rev. Mr. Lafontaine addressed the court in reference to the work at St. Anne's Mission, Illinois. There are six stations, 217 families. There were 20 marriages, 47 baptisms, 12 converts, 30 new accessions. The Presbytery tendered their thanks to Mr. Lafontaine for his interesting and encouraging address, and assured him of the interest of the Presbytery in the mission, and their prayers for abundant success in their good work. Messrs. Kemp and Thompson were appointed a deputation to visit the mission during the present month, and to report.

Petrolia was separated from Oil Springs, and Wyoming with Petrolia declared to be a distinct charge.

Mr. Thoupson was appointed Moderator of Kirk Session of North and South Plympton; Mr P. McDermid Moderator of Oil Springs; and Mr. Chesnut of Petrolia and Wyoming.—Mr. A. Stewart of Brooke Session.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in first Presbyterian Church, London, on 12th February, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Next ordinary meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, London, on Tuesday 26th March, at 11 o'clock a.m.

GEORGE CUTHBERTSON, *Presbytery Clerk.*

ONTARIO PRESBYTERY.—This Presbytery met at Columbus, on New Year's day, for the transaction of ordinary business—Dr. Thornton, Moderator, *pro tem.*

The Rev W. C. Young, being present, was invited to correspond. Read a letter from the treasurer of Ballyduff congregation, setting forth that these had raised thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents towards the payment of arrears of stipend, and that no more need be expected: that, besides, they had paid to their pastor eighty dollars, as their proportion for the half year's stipend. After hearing Mr. Windel, and after reasoning on the whole matter of stipend, &c, it was decided to recommend to that congregation, that they, along with Brock Road Station, pay their pastor yearly the sum of two hundred dollars for stipend. The Presbytery wished the congregation to remember that they were morally bound to pay their balance of arrears, and to endeavour gradually to diminish them, having as they had, in Mr. Windel's liberal offer, great encouragement to do so. Mr MacTavish was appointed to bring that recommendation before the congregation at the missionary meeting there, to express the mind of the court as to those arrears; and to ask their concurrence to the proposed new arrangement, with instructions to report at next meeting. The circular sent by the board of Knox College, was read, and an agreement come to, to bring the claims of the College before the missionary meetings. The congregation of Columbus and Brooklyn petitioned the Presbytery to appoint one of their number, to moderate in the call of a minister. Granting the prayer of the petition, the court appointed Dr. Thornton to officiate there on a convenient day. After some discussion on the propriety of appointing deputations again this year, to address missionary meetings, it was decided to make arrangement as formerly. A plan for such meetings was then read and approved. Most of the meetings were to be held in January. Those for February are as follows:—

Rev J. Baird, Rev. J. R. Scott, and Rev. J. McLean to visit Lindsay, Tuesday 12th 7 o'clock, p m; Cambray, Wednesday 13th, 10 o'clock, a m; Islay, Wednesday 13th, 3 o'clock, p m; Kirkfield, Thursday 14th, 11 o'clock, a m; Woodville, Thursday 14th, 7 o'clock p m; Beaverton, Friday 15th, 11 o'clock, a.m.

Rev. R. MacArthur and Rev. G. Riddell, to visit P. Albert, Monday 11th, 7