

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—This Presbytery held its quarterly meeting in Belleville on the 11th and 12th of January.

Rev. Mr. Wilson was authorized to get a book containing the Confession of Faith and the Formula, with blank leaves for the signature of the members. The call from Parkhill and Macgillivray to the Rev. Mr. Pritchard was taken into consideration. Rev. George Cuthbertson appeared to prosecute the call on behalf of the Presbytery of London. Papers being read and parties heard, Mr. Pritchard intimated his acceptance of the call, whereupon the Presbytery agreed to translate him to the Presbytery of London, and release him from his present charge. Mr. Scott was instructed to express to the people of Camden, &c., the Presbytery's deep sympathy with them in view of the loss they have sustained in the removal of their pastor. The following minute was adopted as expressive of the Presbytery's feelings in view of Mr. Pritchard's separation from them:—Resolved, that the Presbytery of Kingston regret the departure from the bounds of their young brother, Mr. Pritchard, whose modesty, amiability, and zeal have endeared him to them and to an attached flock, and they heartily commend him to God and to the word of His grace, invoking blessings manifold upon him and his labors in his new field.

Mr. Alexander Thomson, a young man who has been engaged for some time in city mission work in the old country, was taken under the Presbytery's care until next meeting, it being expected that at that time certain testimonials required will be forthcoming.

A collection was appointed to be taken up as soon as possible on behalf of the Presbytery and Synod funds.

There was read an extract minute from the clerk of the Synod of Montreal anent the appeal of Messrs. John Scott and Patrick Gray in the matter of instrumental music. There was also read a petition from some parties in the congregation of Napanee complaining of the use of the instrument. The clerk was instructed to cite the Moderator and Kirk Session of the congregation of Napanee to appear at next meeting for their interests, and to give information in reference to an alleged irregularity in the manner in which they conduct the worship of God by using an instrument of music.

In pursuance of the appointment of the Rev. John Burton to the bounds for ten days, in advocacy of the claims of the Home Mission field, a committee was chosen to make the necessary arrangements.

The consideration of the circular letter on the state of religion was deferred to next meeting. Mr. Wishart narrated interesting facts bearing on the state and prospects of Presbyterianism in the extensive regions bordering on the North Hastings road. In several places steps have been taken for the erection of churches.

Messrs. McLaren, (Convener), Wilson and Wishart were appointed a committee to seek out an ordained Minister or Licentiate to labour in North Hastings for a year, at a salary of \$500 per annum.

It was agreed to Overture the Synod of Montreal anent the propriety of over-turing the General Assembly on the subject of a Sustentation Fund. Rev. Principal Willis was nominated as Moderator of General Assembly.

Rev. Andrew Wilson, of Kingston, was nominated as Moderator of the Synod of Montreal, to meet in May next. It was agreed to overture the Synod of Montreal to take into consideration the establishment of Female Seminaries under the supervision of the Church. The members for the General Assembly from this Presbytery are to be chosen at next meeting.

THOMAS S. CHAMBERS.
Presb. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Woodstock, on Tuesday, the 28th December. There was a good attendance of Ministers and Elders.