

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.—The regular quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Cobourg on Tuesday, the 3rd of October. There was a large attendance of ministers and elders. The following are among the most important items of business transacted.

Reports of missionary labors performed by Mr. Wm. Reeve at Minden, by Mr. E. Vincent at Kinmount, and by Mr. Isaac Campbell at Chandos and Burleigh, were read. These reports were, on the whole, of a very encouraging character.

Mr. Ewing reported verbally that he had visited the mission field at Kinmount, and had dispensed sealing ordinances there. Mr. Clark gave a like report of a visit paid to Chandos and Burleigh. The Presbytery desired to record its sense of the faithful and laborious manner in which those brethren had fulfilled their appointments.

Messrs. Williamson and Tully appeared as commissioners from the congregation of Lakevale, and renewed the application of that congregation to be disjoined from the congregation of Springville, and placed under the pastoral charge of the Rev. John Ewing, of Emily. After parties had been heard, it was resolved that the petition continue to lie on the table, and that Messrs. Laing and Donald be appointed to visit Springville and Lakevale, with a view to the removal of misunderstandings there, and with a view also to the withdrawal of the petition.

Mr. Mitchell was appointed Moderator of the Sessions of Springville and Lakevale, with authority to moderate in a call whenever the congregations may request him to do so.

The Rev. J. M. Roger was appointed the Presbytery's representative on the Foreign Mission Committee.

Messrs. David McFarlane, Robt. McKnight, and James Hyde, appeared as commissioners from the Minden Mission District, and were heard at some length. They represented that mission field to be greatly too large for one missionary, and earnestly requested that it be divided. Mr. Reeve, missionary at Minden, was also heard, and supported the petition. Resolutions on the subject, adopted at congregational meetings, were read. After the case had been considered in all its bearings, it was unanimously resolved to grant the prayer of the petition, and so to re-arrange the group of mission stations that there shall henceforward be two mission districts, to be called respectively the Minden and the Haliburton Missions. It was agreed to attach Kinmount to the Minden group of stations. The representatives of the Haliburton division stated that the people of that mission would endeavor to raise the sum of \$250 per annum for the support of a missionary, strongly indicating their wish that Mr. Reeve should be continued as missionary among them. It was resolved to continue Mr. Reeve at Haliburton; and Messrs. Murray and Paterson were appointed to visit both mission fields, dispense sealing ordinances, and, if necessary, moderate in a call at Haliburton. The Presbytery Clerk was also instructed to endeavor to secure the services of a suitable missionary for Minden.

Mr. Alexander Fraser was examined with a view to his entrance on the literary course in Knox College. The examination was sustained, and it was ordered that Mr. Fraser be certified to the Board of Examiners of Knox College as a suitable person to study for the Holy Ministry.

The list of supplemented congregations within the bounds was revised. It was agreed to apply to the Home Mission Committee for the continuance of the same grants as last year.

It was ordered that the Communion Rolls and Session Records of the congregations within the bounds be produced at the next regular meeting of Presbytery, which was appointed to be held at Peterboro' on the second Tuesday of January, 1872, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. WM. DONALD, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE.—This Presbytery met in the Barrie Presbyterian Church, on the 26th September last.

Eight ministers and nine elders were present.