

The evening soderunt was spent in religious conference, with a view to prepare answers to the questions proposed by the committee on the state of religion. The session records of North and Centre Bruce, South Bruce and Greenock, Riversdale, Enniskillen and North Kinloss, West and Knox Church Kincardine, are to be handed in for examination at next meeting of Presbytery.

THE PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met in Central Church, Hamilton, on the 11th April, and was attended by the average number of ministers and elders, Mr. McLenn, moderator, occupied the chair.

It was reported that the missionary meetings held during the last winter within the bounds, were, on the whole, good, and that the manifested interest taken in this noble cause was very encouraging.

The congregations which were in arrears of stipend, and which had neglected to make certain collections appointed by the Synod, were dealt with, and the Presbytery is persuaded that a spirit of faithfulness in the congregations was considerably fostered, and is encouraged to hope that they will next year come nearer the mark.

The Presbytery, looking to all the circumstances of the case, refused to sustain the call given to the Rev. John James, on the 28th March last, by Knox's Congregation, Hamilton.

The Presbytery also proceeded to consider the matters remitted by Synod.

1. They decline making any nomination of a professor for Knox College, and recommend the Synod to continue the present arrangement for another year.

2. The Presbytery could take no action in relation to the model deed, as no draft of such deed had come to them from the committee appointed by the Synod to prepare and circulate such a document.

3. The Presbytery adopted the draft of an act for a General Assembly, &c., with the exception of the following changes.

Under head II, they recommend the Synod to substitute one-third in place of one-half of the whole number of ministers and elders on the several rolls of Presbyteries, as the members who shall constitute the Assembly; and under head IV, they recommend that the Provincial Synods shall be named respectively Ontario, Huron, and St. Lawrence, instead of Toronto, London, and Montreal.

The Presbytery also considered the state of religion within their bounds, and will transmit the result of their deliberation to the Synod's committee on that subject.

The Rev. David Inglis was nominated as the next moderator of Synod.

JOHN PORTEOUS, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.—This Presbytery met at Port Hope on Tuesday the 14th March. A call from Seymour to the Rev. Mr. Simpson was laid on the table and sustained. Mr. Simpson being present, the call was put into his hand, and at his request time was given for consideration.

Messrs. Singleton, Rutherford, and Logan were appointed assessors to act with Mr. Watson in order to form a session for the Seymour congregation. Mr. Simpson being appointed moderator.

A reference from the session of Coldsprings was then taken up, when the Rev. Messrs. Laing and McWilliams, and Messrs. Riddell and Carruthers, elders, were appointed a deputation of Presbytery to visit the Coldsprings congregation, consider the matter of reference and report at the next meeting of Presbytery.

A call from the congregation of Perrytown and Oakhill to the Rev. W. Lohead was sustained. Mr. Lohead being present, intimated his acceptance of the same. The induction of Mr. Lohead was appointed to take place at Perrytown, on Wednesday, 29th March, 1865, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. Mr. McWilliam to preach and preside, Mr. Ewing to give the charge to the minister, and Mr. Waters to the people.

The Rev. J. M. Roger laid before the Presbytery his resignation of the pastoral charge of Lakeland. On motion of Rev. Mr. Laing it was resolved that all parties, viz., the congregations of Lakeland, Peterboro', and Springville, be invited to appear for their interests at next meeting of Presbytery.

Moved by Rev. Mr. Laing and carried, 1st, That a committee be appointed to draw up a scheme for working the Home Mission field of the Presbytery; the com-