

Mr. Kemp, Convener, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Gordon were appointed to examine students for admission to College, and to grant certificates; to meet at Cornwall, on the morning of the day preceding the opening of college.

Mr. Kemp was appointed to represent the Presbytery at the next meeting of the Home Mission Committee.

The Presbytery spent an hour in devotional exercises, and with a special reference to the state of religion in our own and other churches.

Mr. McArthur preached the Presbytery Sermon, and the Deputy to Cote St. Church from the Free Church of Scotland, was appointed to preach at next meeting.

The Presbytery adjourned, to meet for ordinary business at Montreal, on the third Tuesday of October, at six o'clock, P. M.

A. F. KEMP,

Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery met at Cobourg on the Tenth day of May.

The Presbytery entered upon the consideration of the resignation of the Rev. Donald McLeod. The Rev. J. W. Smith stated, that in obedience to the appointment of Presbytery, he had preached in St. Andrew's Church, Cobourg, and had cited the Session and Congregation to appear for their interests at this meeting. Parties having been called, there appeared Messrs. Andrew Jeffrey, and Andrew Fraser for the Session; and Messrs. Thomas Scott, Wm. Burnet, and Robert Sinclair, for the Congregation. Mr. Jeffrey, on behalf of the Session, presented the following extract from their minutes: "It having been intimated by the clerk, that the Session was called to appear this day by the Presbytery of Cobourg for their interests, and the proposed resignation of the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, by the Rev. Donald McLeod, agreed to appoint Messrs. Jeffrey and Fraser to represent the Session, and to express their sympathy with Mr. McLeod personally, and in his ministerial capacity; and to express their earnest hope that his recovery may be perfected by a residence in his native land. The Session furthermore agreed to authorize the said representatives above-named, to give their assent, in name of the Session, to the accepting of the resignation of the Rev. D. McLeod, of the pastorate of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church." Mr. Scott, on behalf of the Congregation, stated that they had agreed to acquiesce in the resignation of Mr. McLeod, and laid upon the table a resolution which had been agreed to in regard to a retiring allowance for Mr. McLeod. Parties having been removed, the Presbytery unanimously agreed that, in consideration of the State of Mr. McLeod's health, and that of the congregation, while esteeming Mr. McLeod, acquiesced in his resignation, resolved to dissolve the pastoral tie between Mr. McLeod and the Congregation of Cobourg, and do hereby loose him from the charge of the said Congregation, and appointed the Rev. J. Roger to preach in Cobourg on Sabbath first, and to declare the church vacant. The Presbytery cannot part with their brother Mr. McLeod without expressing their high respect for his Christian character, and their sense of the fidelity with which, for ten years, he has laboured in Cobourg, his interest in the Home Mission field, and the cheerfulness with which he gave his services in that department of the Church's labour, his punctuality in attending meetings of Presbytery, and his uniform kindness and hospitality to his brethren. They earnestly pray that the great Head of the Church may be pleased to restore his health and to make him still useful in His vineyard;

and, further, to direct the clerk to draw out a Presbyterial certificate to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk of Presbytery.

The Presbytery met again on the second day of August. The Clerk laid upon the table an extract of the Synod's deliverance in the case of Mr. Andrews. As Mr. Andrews was not present, nor any communication from him, it was agreed to defer the consideration of his case till next meeting. The Clerk was instructed to cite him to appear at said meeting that his case might then be proceeded with, according to the deliverance of Synod. Leave was given to Mr. Smith or Mr. McKenzie to moderate in a call at Cobourg when desired.

Mr. J. W. Smith moved, and Mr. J. Smith seconded, and which was unanimously agreed to. The Presbytery having considered the articles of the Basis of Union agreed to the approval of the same, and resolved to transmit them to Sessions for their consideration, and to enjoin them to report at next meeting.

Messrs. Roger, Blain, and Bowie, were appointed to examine Mr. McDonald; and at next meeting Mr. McKenzie to examine Mr. McDiarmid on Hebrew and Theology, and Mr. J. Smith on Church History.

JAMES BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held in Knox's Church, Hamilton, on the 9th of August, and continued till the evening of the following day. Twenty ministers were present, and the attendance of Elders was smaller than usual.

Several Kirk Sessions having, notwithstanding the injunction laid upon them at last ordinary meeting, failed to produce their records, the injunction to produce them was repeated.

A call from the Wellesley congregation in favor of Mr. James Boyd, formerly minister of Markham, was laid before the Presbytery and was sustained. The call having been put into the hands of Mr. Boyd, he craved time to consider it, which was granted, another congregation within the bounds being desirous of addressing a call to him.

A petition from the congregation at Guelph, praying that the Presbytery would initiate a regular procedure towards the settlement of a minister, was laid before the Presbytery, and sustained. The Presbytery agreed to meet at Guelph, and moderate in a call on the 22nd of the month, Mr. Andrew McLean to preach and preside.

A petition to the same effect was presented from the congregation at Mount Forest, who have failed to secure the pastoral services of Mr. John McWillan, of Fingal, to whom they formerly addressed a call. A committee was appointed to moderate in a call on the 23rd of the month.

Mr. Geikie intimated his desire, for reasons which he stated, to resign his charge at Berlin, and laid his resignation before the Presbytery. The resignation was ordered to lie on the table till an adjourned meeting to be held at Guelph, on the 1st day of September, and instructions were given to cite parties to appear at that meeting.

The Presbytery agreed to take up at next ordinary meeting, consideration of the Basis of Union with the United Presbyterian Church, Messrs. William Millican, and Charles Cameron having completed their trials were licensed to preach the Gospel.

JAMES MIDDLEMISS,

Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

This Presbytery met in Toronto on the 2nd and 3rd of August. A call from Erin and Caledon West, to Mr. James A. Thompson, was sustained and accepted, and arrangements were made for his induction on the 23rd.

The members of Presbytery residing in Toronto were appointed a Committee to confer with representatives of other Churches, with a view to secure the simultaneous observance of a day of thanksgiving for the present abundant harvest, and, if possible, to obtain the consent of Government to appoint a day.

Mr. Donald McVicar having been duly examined, was licensed to preach the gospel.

Dr. Burns gave a verbal report of his missionary labors since the meeting of the Synod, and the Presbytery recorded its gratitude to God for having enabled him to overtake such a vast amount of labor without injury to his health, and its prayers for his future welfare and success.

On the 23rd August the Presbytery of Toronto met in Caledon West, and afterwards in Erin.

Mr. Thompson was inducted pastor of Erin and Caledon West. Mr. Ure preached and presided. Mr. McLachlan addressed the pastor and Mr. Laing the people. A large congregation was present. Mr. T. enters upon this field of labor with very favorable prospects.

A call from West Gwillimbury and Bradford to Mr. D. McVicar was sustained and put into his hands. Mr. McVicar declined it.

Mr. James Campbell, having been duly examined, was licensed to preach the gospel.

A call from Red River to Mr. John Black, who has been laboring there as a missionary, was sustained, and the Clerk wished to have it placed in his hands with a view to obtain his answer to it as soon as possible.

The Presbytery agreed to correspond with parties with a view to obtain an assistant to accompany Mr. Black on his return to the Red River settlement.

The Clerk was instructed to require the various sessions within the bounds, to forward their decision respecting the Basis of Union before the next meeting of Presbytery.

WILLIAM GREGG,

Pres. Clerk.

REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(The Synod, *pro forma*, received the report and re-appointed the Committee, but there was no time to hear the report read.)

Your Committee, in submitting their seventh Report, feel that the subject entrusted to them is not one which needs any lengthened argument to prove or enforce its importance, and it is gratifying to be able to state that, as a Synod, attention was early directed to our Sabbath Schools, and an interest, which has been steadily increasing, evinced in behalf of the youthful members of our Zion. It may not, therefore, be inappropriate to allude to the actings of the Synod in regard to this important matter.

In 1852, in consequence of an overture on the subject from the Presbytery of Kingston, a Committee on Sabbath Schools was appointed; and among various other suggestions, a system of lessons for the use of our Schools was recommended. This duty was ably performed by the Convener, the Rev. W. Gregg, who published, with the sanction of the Synod, a system extending over three years.

Various other suggestions were made, such as preaching frequently to the young, and the establishment of a periodical for their spiritual benefit.