

A letter was read from Rev. J. Bonar, Con- venerator of the Colonial Committee, regarding Mr. James Cameron, a student of the Free Church, who is desirous of finishing his studies in this country—very satisfactory testimonials accom- panied the letter.

It was resolved that means be taken to appro- priate from the funds raised in this Presbytery, for bringing out ministers, the sum of twenty- five pounds, sterling, to provide an outfit for Mr. Cameron.

Session Records from the following congrega- tions were given in, and attested in terms of re- ports by committees appointed to revise them, viz: from Thorah and Eldon, Orilla and Oro, Barrie and Innisfil, Scarboro', York Mills, and Oakville.

A communication from Brampton was read, respecting Mr. Holmes' labours there, and re- questing morning service in the village. After mature deliberation, it was agreed that Dr. Wil- lia, Dr. Burns, Mr. Uro and Mr. McMurrich, be a Committee to proceed to Brampton to collect further information, and report to next meeting of Presbytery.

Report of Sustentation Committee was given in, whereupon the Presbytery agreed to receive the report as on the whole satisfactory, and con- tinue the committee.

Dr. Burns, Mr. Reid, and the Clerk, were ap- pointed a committee to draw up the Home Mis- sion Report of Presbytery, and to correspond with other Presbyteries.

Petitions for supply were received and read from Artomisia, Brock and Reach, and Markham.

Scheme of supplies till next ordinary meeting was arranged, and some financial matters were attended to.

An adjourned meeting was fixed for Wednes- day, the 21st March, in the usual place, at eleven o'clock.

THOS. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

#### PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The Presbytery of Cobourg met in St. An- drew's Church, on the 6th March. The business transacted was less than usual, on account of the short time that had elapsed since the previous meeting. Mr. Smith reported that the mission- ary meeting at Percy was good, and that the collection amounted to nearly £4. Mr. McKen- zie stated that from the severity of the day, he was unable to proceed to Alnwick, but that Mr. Thompson, missionary, was present and addressed the meeting.

The Presbytery were gratified to hear that the people of Trenton have the prospect of proceed- ing with the erection of a church, and that they expect to undertake the support of ordinances among themselves, from this time forward.

Sabbath-school Reports were presented from Baltimore, Cobourg, and Grafton. Reports on the state of religion in the various congregations, from Cobourg, Grafton, Colborne and Trenton.

Financial Reports from Baltimore, Peterboro', Trenton, Grafton and Colborne, and from Otona- bee and Cobourg. The Presbytery instruct those ministers and office-bearers, whose reports on the above subjects have not been forthcoming at the present meeting, to have the reports on the state of religion, sent to the Rev. D. McLeod, and the Sabbath-school and Financial Reports, sent to the clerk by the end of March.

Messrs. Roger and Andrews were appointed to take charge of any arrangements that may be necessary, at Notwood and Warsaw, before next meeting, and act accordingly.

Rev. Mr. Bowie presented a letter he had lately received from the Rev. Mr. Reid. Mr. Roger stated he had also heard from Mr. Reid, on the subject of Mr. Bowie's removal to another sphere of labor. But the Presbytery having fully considered the circumstances, cannot find it their

duty to permit Mr. Bowie to leave their bounds until the next meeting of the Home Mission Committee.

The various sessions within the bounds of the Presbytery of Cobourg, are instructed to present their minutes for examination, at the next meet- ing to be held at Cobourg, on Tuesday, 1st May.

The next meeting was appointed to be held at Cobourg, on Tuesday, first of May, at 12 o'clock noon.

J. W. SMITH, *Pres. Clerk.*

#### PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery was held in Ottawa, on the 13th and 14th of March. There were present, six ministers and three elders.

A deputation consisting of W. H. Dunning, R. Fraser, W. Lough, and Charles Hunter, ap- peared before the Presbytery, in behalf of the people of Cumberland, Clarence, and Lochaber. These gentlemen gave an interesting view of the history of our cause in these townships, and its present state under the missionary services of Mr. John McEwan. They craved the appoint- ment of a committee of Presbytery, to visit the district and organize a church, and also the con- tinuance of Mr. McEwan's labours. The petition was granted, and Mr. Wardrop, Mr. Smith and Mr. Lochead were nominated to the duty.

A call in favour of Mr. David Wardrop from Bristol was laid on the table, considered and sustained. This is a most harmonious call and is likely by the divine blessing to eventuate in much good.

The congregation in Merrickville, where, it appears, Mr. Troup is at present labouring, ap- plied to be recognised as a station within our bounds. The Brockville Presbytery claims this station, and this difficulty is first to be got over. The clerk was instructed to correspond with parties.

The Presbytery resumed consideration of the subject of lay agency, and the deliberations re- sulted in the appointment of a committee to nature plans, engage a suitable person, and raise the necessary funds. The committee is thus composed, viz: Mr. Wardrop, Mr. Gour- ley, ministers, and Mr. Hay, Mr. D. Kennedy and Mr. Durie, elders.—Mr. Durie Convector.

The following contributions to the Presby- tery's Home Mission Fund, were acknowledged by the treasurer:

Perth, £5; Ramsay, £3; McNab, £1 15s. 6d; Osgoode and Gloucester, £2 12s. 6; Beck- with, £1 16s. 6d; Ashton Church, Goulbourne, 15s; A few friends in Beckwith, (additional), 15s; Sabbath-school, Ottawa, per Mr. Durie, £1.

The Presbytery agreed to meet in Ottawa, in place of Carlton place, in the month of May, in deference to a request from Mr. Gray.

Mr. Wardrop gave notice, that at next meet- ing he would move, that in consequence of the increased amount of business, the Presbytery should have quarterly meetings in Ottawa and Perth alternately.

Mr. Durie elder from the church in Ottawa, craved leave to consult with the Presbytery, re- specting what steps might be deemed expedient, with a view of providing accommodation for the rapidly increasing members who have signified the wish to enjoy the ministrations of the Free Church. Mr. Durie stated that the matter had been repeatedly before the session, but that in consequence of difficulties of certain kinds which they could see no way of obviating, they had not, as yet, been able to agree as to the proper course to be pursued. In these circumstances Mr. Durie expressed his anxiety to know the minds of the brethren, with regard to a matter which had so often engaged their prolonged and earnest deliberations. The moderator then called upon the brethren present, in order, to express their views, when it was found that all of them,

though differing as to certain minute details, cordially agreed in deeming it to be their firm persuasion, that there is a loud call, in the Provi- dence of God, to take steps, forthwith, to open a mission station; and in proof of the deep interest felt in this proposed and most obviously necessary and ranking, pledged themselves to see that regu- lar supply be given. Meanwhile, the Presbytery strongly recommend the Session and Financial Committee to secure, if possible, without delay, a suitable site for the erection of a new church for accommodation of the people who may attend the mission station. The Presbytery fur- ther resolved to make a special application to the Home Mission Committee for a suitable por- tion to carry out (in conjunction with the ses- sion and congregation of Ottawa,) the object con- templated. Other members of the session of Knox's Church were present, and having been called upon to state their view of the matter un- der discussion, cordially acquiesced in the above deliverance.

The next ordinary meeting is to be held in Ottawa, on the 2nd Tuesday in May next, at 7 P. M.

S. C. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

#### OPENING OF A NEW CHURCH AT GRANDE FRIERE.

The Presbyterian Church of Grand Friere, was opened for public worship on Sabbath March 4th. Most appropriate and impressive sermons were delivered on the occasion in the morning by the Rev. D. Black, St Therese, in the afternoon by the Rev. D. Inglis, Montreal, and in the evening by the Rev. Thomas Henry, Lacbute. The discourses were listened to with marked attention by a large and respectable audience. We trust that an impression was made on the minds of many that will not soon be obliterated.

For many long years the members of this con- gregation had no comfortable place, where they could assemble for the praise and worship of their God, as they were wont to do in "days of yore," in the fatherland, but now by the blessing of God accompanying their labours they have erected a neat and comfortable building, in the very place where the aged and hoary-headed amongst us were once overwhelmed in deep grief and sorrow, on account of being destitute of christian privi- leges. Like the Israelites of old, when they were placed as degraded exiles along the bank of the Euphrates, Tigris and Chobar, "they wept, when Zion they thought on."

The building is of brick—is neatly seated, and capable of accommodating 200 persons. It has cost about £330, which soon was raised by the congregation, and from friends in different quarters, so that the building is nigh completed, and free of debt.

To the Rev. gentlemen who favored us with their presence—who edified and comforted us with their discourses and prayers, and to the christian friends who generously aided us in the erection of this building—the Session, Committee, and Members of the Congregation return their warmest thanks

W. S.

DURHAM, C. E.

The Ladies in connection with the Presbyte- rian Church of Canada, at Durham, held a Sum- mee on the 4th ult., by which they realized some- where about £16, which is to be devoted to the purpose of erecting a pulpit, and furnishing the vestry of the new church there. Of better ac- count than the money results, we have reason to say that the occasion called into exercise a large amount of friendly feeling between various sects of professing christians who were present.

When religiously conducted, and with the smile of the Most High upon him, such meet-