

commended by the committee of the general assembly, viz: "The respective boards of management of the colleges shall nominate the professors and their appointment shall be made by the general assembly;" and would prefer uniformity in this respect by the colleges of the church, except in the case of Queen's and Morin colleges, when this Presbytery would offer no serious objection to the method suggested in the Queen's College report, viz: "That such appointments be reported to next general assembly after they are made by the trustees, and be subject to its rulings."

A committee on hymnal, consisting of Prof. Baird, Jos. Hogg, Dr. Bryce, C. B. Pittblado and Chief Justice Taylor was appointed to consider the assembly's remit on the draft book of praise and report at next meeting of Presbytery.

In reference to the representation of the sessions of mission stations in the courts of the church, on motion of Rev. Dr. King and Jos. Hogg, it was agreed that the Presbytery approve of the law ad interim, sent down by the assembly to the Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Orangeville

Met January 9th at Orangeville. An elder's commission was received on behalf of Mr. James Stewart, of Corbetton. The moderator's term of office having expired, the Rev. R. Hughes, of Rosemont, was appointed moderator for the ensuing six months.

Rev. E. Neilly's translation having been granted by the Presbytery of Lindsay, arrangements were made for his induction at Horning's Mills on February 1st, at 2 p.m., Dr. McRobbie to preside, Mr. McKenzie to preach, Mr. Wells to address the minister and Mr. Harrison the people.

Dr. Robertson, superintendent of the mission in the North-west, being present, was asked to correspond. The following were appointed to visit supplemented congregations and report at next meeting:

Mr. Harrison, to Corbetton, etc.; Mr. McLeod, to Osprey; Dr. McRobbie, to Dundalk, etc.; Mr. Farquharson, to Caledon East, etc.; Mr. McKenzie to Laurel, etc.

Mr. Horsloun was granted leave to moderate in a call at Corbetton, Riverview and Gandler.

Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Crozier, delegates from the W. F. M. Presbyterial Society, then in session, were received, and reported that the work of said society had progressed very favourably during the past year, that they had collected the sum of \$724.46, being a considerable increase on any previous year.

The Presbytery expressed its gratification at the continued success of the society, and appointed Messrs. Harrison and Orr to convey to the society the congratulations of the Presbytery.

Messrs. McKenzie and Crozier were appointed to examine the draft book for the psalter.

Messrs. Farquharson and Campbell to examine the draft book for the hymnal.

Messrs. Fowle and Elliott to consider the assembly's remit as to appointing theological professors.

Messrs. Wells and McLeod to consider the balance of the assembly's remits—all to report at next meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Presbytery will be held at Shelburne on March 2th, at 10.30 a.m.—H. Crozier, Clerk.

Presbytery of Stratford.

The Presbytery of Stratford met in Knox church, Stratford, on 16th inst., Rev. John Kay, moderator. Dr. McKay

and Mr. Koa Kau, of Formosa, and Rev. D. Munro, of Harriston, being present were invited to correspond with the Presbytery. At the request of the Presbytery, Dr. McKay gave a brief statement of his work in Formosa regarding the places in which it is carried on, the difficulties attending it and the methods followed. The Presbytery expressed its great joy at seeing the Dr. once more and thanked him for his address. Mr. Koa Kau, one of Dr. McKay's students, also spoke stating his satisfaction at what he saw in this country and that he would report to his fellow-countrymen. The clerk was authorized to certify Mr. A. M. Stewart to the Senate of Knox College. Rev. Mr. Tully was appointed moderator for the next six months and Rev. Mr. Henderson was requested to act as clerk p. t. Mr. Pyke presented the report of the Hymnal committee. The report was received, but in view of the fact that the Pan Presbyterian council proposed getting out a hymnal for the Presbyterian churches in the British Empire, it was felt that the present hymnal might stand as it is until we see what the outcome of that proposal is, and Messrs. Pantou, Pyke and Tully were appointed to draft an overture to Assembly and report at next meeting. The remit ament enlargement of powers of Synods was approved. The committee on systematic benevolence reported in favor of monthly collections by envelopes for the schemes of the church. The report was adopted. The annual report of the Stratford Presbyterial W. F. M. Aid Society was presented. It showed an increase in membership and contributions amounting to \$1,421.38. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet again in Knox church, Stratford, on 15th March next, at 10.30 a.m.—A. F. TULLY, Clerk.

Presbytery of Whithy.

The Presbytery of Whithy, held its regular quarterly meeting at Port Perry, on the 16th instant.

The Rev. John Chisholm, B. A., was chosen Moderator for the current year.

A call from Newcastle congregation in favor of Mr. Courtenay was presented, but a note from Mr. C. intimated that he had already accepted the charge of Port Stanley. The Presbytery expressed sympathy with the disappointed congregation.

A call was also presented from Gravenhurst in favor of the Rev. Mr. Parrin of Pickering. The Moderator was appointed to cite St. Andrew's, Pickering, and St. John's, Mangau, to appear for their interests at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held in St. Andrew's church, Whithy, on Tuesday the 27th of February, at 10 o'clock a.m. The Rev. A. P. McKay, Secretary of F. M. and Rev. J. H. MacVicar of Hanan, being present were invited to sit and deliberate. Later both gentlemen addressed the Presbytery most acceptably.

A good deal of time and discussion were given to the Assembly's remits, re-appointment of Professors in colleges and the new Hymnal. As to the former recommendation was offered that the Boards of Managers or Governors should nominate and the Assembly appoint. As to Hymnal selections of Psalms, (with new version), and Paraphrases were approved. The changes proposed in the Hymnal accepted and on motion of Mr. Eastman the Presbytery respectfully recommend that some hymns should be added on Family religion none being submitted in new Hymnal and none existing in the one now in use. Also that more hymns should be added of the nature of appeal or invitation. Further, that the Hymns

following should be included in the new book:

When our heads are bowed with Woo (Tune Richard).....	687
God Save our Gracious Queen (National Anthem).....	202
Hiding in Thee.....	404
God be with you 'till we meet again	573
Come unto me.....	572
Hold Thou my hand.....	416
Take my life and let it be.....	562
Hark then comes a whisper.....	511
Sound the battle cry.....	473
Jesus Saves (Allen, Sankkey, 750 pieces).....	

The report by Mr. Abraham, Convener of the committee on the Young People's Societies, stated nearly all these organizations were prepared to contribute to the amount of \$116.00 per annum in the support of Home Mission work.

The Rev. George H. MacKay, D. D., of Formosa, was nominated for the Moderator's chair next Assembly.

The Presbyterian Society of W. F. M. in annual session assembled reported to Presbytery the result of their efforts—money contributions, \$1181.00, and clothing value, \$248.00. A resolution congratulating the ladies on the increasing prosperity of their works of faith and labors of love was prepared and forwarded by a deputation of the Presbytery associate with Messrs. MacKay and MacVicar the visiting brethren. The Presbytery will hold its next regular meeting at Whithy, on the third Tuesday in April.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

The Presbytery of Hamilton, met on January 16th. The resignation of Mr. Murray of his charge at Grimsby was accepted to take effect on March 31st. He will continue connected with the congregation as Honorary Pastor and moderator of session *ad interim*. The congregation, in token of the high esteem and affection for their pastor, voted a small retiring allowance. Things in Grimsby are in a promising condition. Mr. D. B. Marsh accepted the charge from Blackheath Junction. The induction is fixed for Tuesday the 30th instant, at 2 p.m., in the church at East Seneca. Mr. Courtenay has declined the call from International Bridge, as he thinks the stipend promised is not adequate to the expense of living there. Ancaster, Barton and Locke street were reported as much improved and hopeful for the future. Hon. Mr. Merritt obtained leave of absence to visit Britain. Regulations for the election of commissioners to the General Assembly were adopted. The committee on the application for restoration to the ministry of Mr. R. McKnight, formerly of Dunnville, reported and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"That having regard to the peculiar difficulties that are connected with this application and the difference of opinion found to exist among the members of Presbytery as to the proper mode of procedure, the whole case be referred *simpliciter* to the General Assembly." Mr. Johnston tendered the resignation of his charge at Cayuga, and the congregation is to be cited to appear for their interests at the March meeting of Presbytery. Arrangements were made for visiting the supplemented congregations. The remit on the Hymnal was considered. It was resolved—"That selections from the Psalms with new versions, is preferable to the entire Psalter—and that the incorporation of hymns for the young is not to do away with a separate Hymnal for the young." The Presbytery is to meet on Monday, March 16th, at 2.30 p.m., to consider the reports of the standing committees and the other remits.—JOHN LAING, Clerk.