

II. That in order to promote in the highest degree the interests of education a respectful application from this Presbytery be made to the different branches of the Legislature praying that the present system of management of the district and common schools may be amended and these institutions put upon such a footing as will render them more efficient.

III. That this desirable object may be accomplished the Revs. Messrs. W. Bell, Jenkins, Harris and A. Bell be a committee to draw a petition to the Legislature and take such other steps as may be necessary.

The Rev. Robert McBowell being about to proceed on a mission through the upper part of the province, was directed by the Presbytery to preach and to administer the ordinances of the gospel, especially in the more destitute neighbourhood—to make enquiries where preaching was most wanted—to promote the formation of auxiliary societies, and to organize congregations where necessary.

The Rev. Peter Gordon from the University of Glasgow having fulfilled his mission at Cobourg, Port Hope and other places in their neighbourhood, with great acceptance, was requested by the Presbytery to re-occupy the same station as soon as an arrangement for that purpose could be made.

Mr. McMillan, a pious young man of promising abilities having applied for advice on the subject of engaging in the gospel ministry, the Presbytery after a long but satisfactory examination unanimously agreed to receive him as a student, and till other means are provided, his studies are to be directed by the Rev. Mr. Harris, of York. This young man being well acquainted with the Gaelic language, it is hoped that he will be a valuable acquisition to one of those settlements in which his countrymen are numerous.

Among other important information communicated to the Presbytery, it was pleasing to find that in almost every congregation there are pious young men desirous of becoming the heralds of salvation as soon as they can obtain the necessary preparation.

It was gratifying to learn that multitudes in various parts of the province are looking to the Presbytery to supply them with religious instruction. At the same time it is painful to reflect that their petitions could not be granted till a further supply of faithful missionaries can be obtained.

In all the deliberations of the Presbytery the utmost unanimity and brotherly affection prevailed, and this meeting will long be remembered as a season of peculiar enjoyment. Its beneficial results to the souls of many will not be confined to time, but extend even to eternity.

The next meeting is to be held at Prescott on the 2nd Monday in January, 1830. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is to be administered to the church there on the preceding day.

*Rev. Wm. M. M. preached by Rev. Presbytery Sept. 1st from Luke 27. 29.*