

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The Presbytery of Kingston met at Belleville on Thursday, 1st October. Mr. R. C. Swinton, Moderator *pro tem*.

An amount of routine business was transacted of no interest to any number of the readers of the *Record*.

Mr. Wilson, Conv., on behalf of a committee appointed to prosecute the settlement of Mr. Chestnut's claim upon the congregation at Madoc, reported that the matter would in all likelihood be arranged satisfactorily before long.

Mr. Scott, of Napanee, tendered the resignation of a portion of his pastoral charge, viz.: Bath, Fredericksburgh, and Ernestown, assigning, among other reasons, the extent of his present field of labor as being greater than he can efficiently undertake. The usual steps were taken, and the clerk was instructed to cite parties to compare for their interests at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Wilson, Conv., of the Missionary Committee of Presbytery, reported on the state and circumstances of the various mission stations and vacant congregations. The report bore high testimony to the character and diligence of the catechists employed, and the result of last summer's labour is described as very gratifying.

The Presbytery agreed upon a scheme for holding missionary meetings in the various congregations and stations in the course of the ensuing season, and meantime appointed Messrs. Gray and Scott, with the ministers of the congregations under-named, to be a deputation charged with the conduct of meetings to be held.

Belleville . . . Monday, 11th November. Demorestville, Wednes., 13th November.
Picton . . . Tuesday, 12th " Amherst Island, Thurs., 14th "

With respect to the remaining congregations Messrs. McLaren and Gray were directed to make arrangements for meetings to be held at a subsequent date, and authorized to designate the brethren whose duty it shall be to serve in the various deputations.

The students within the bounds, and an applicant for admission to Knox College, underwent satisfactory examinations, and were certified accordingly.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet in Chalmers' Church, Kingston, on the first Tuesday in January next.

P. GRAY, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery met at Port Hope on the 24th and 25th of September. The Moderator, Mr. Douglass, preached an excellent sermon from Heb. iv., 15.

Mr. Laing reported that he had forwarded the call from Port Hope to Mr. Fitzpatrick, but that no official answer had been received.

The Presbytery proceeded to take up the application of the Rev. A. C. Stewart for admission into this church. The documents in the case were read. After conference with him, and having received a written declaration expressing his regret for having left the U. P. Church, and the course of conduct he pursued after leaving that church, and more especially in reference to the law-suit with the Perrytown congregation and other irregularities, it was agreed to apply at next meeting of Synod for his admission as a minister of this church; and the clerk was instructed to write the usual circular letters.

A petition, signed by 46 individuals at Burnt River, Gull River, and Silver Lake, was read requesting a supply of sermons; and also that the Rev. Wm. M. Clarke be located among them for at least three months. Mr. Paterson who had visited two of these places made a statement regarding them. It was agreed that the Presbytery take up these places as a mission field, and that the Presbytery endeavour to secure the location of Mr. Clarke.

Messrs. Alexander McNaughton, John Thomson, and James Douglas, students, were examined and certificates granted to them. Mr. Daniel Duff not being present Messrs. Roger and Blain were appointed to examine him.

The Rev. William McAlister having laid upon the table a Presbyterial certificate from the Presbytery of Montreal, it was agreed to receive him as a resident minister within the bounds of this Presbytery.

A letter was read from the Rev. Peter McDermid, stating that he is still unfit for duty, and requesting the Presbytery to supply his congregation for two or three months. It was agreed to do so on condition that the expense of supply be defrayed by Mr. McDermid or the congregation.