

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.—The Presbytery of Cobourg met in Cobourg on Tuesday, the 6th of April, at 11 a.m. The induction of the Rev. W. Donald, who had accepted the call to Port Hope, was appointed to take place there on Wednesday, the 21st April. A very interesting Report of the Mission field and work at Minden, Haliburton, Kinmount, &c., by the Rev. W. Reeve, missionary there, was read.

The Presbytery approved Mr. R. H. Craig, a theological student at Princeton, as a missionary of this Church.

A call was sustained from Centreville and Milbrook to Mr. W. Mitchell, probationer. Stipend \$700. The call having been accepted by Mr. Mitchell, his ordination and induction were appointed to take place on Thursday, the 22nd April, at Centreville, at 11 a.m.

In reply to the second citation to Mr. Andrews, requiring him to lay Mr. Russell's complaint and demand of certificate before the Session, and report their action to the Presbytery, a letter was read from Mr. Andrews, declaring that he declined having anything to do with Mr. Russell, individually or officially; that he considered this morally right, and therefore must be presbyterially right.

Mr. Ewing, seconded by Mr. Smith, moved to appoint Mr. Thom moderator of Keene Session in this case. A. Fraser, M.P.P., seconded by Mr. Duncan, moved to repeat the citation. The motion was carried. Mr. Duncan, A. Fraser, M.P.P., and Mr. Roger dissented, and complained to the Synod. An overture to Synod, by Mr. Laing and others, concerning the subject of marriage with a deceased wife's sister, was ordered to be transmitted.

The Presbytery resolved to recommend the Synod to postpone the consideration of a General Assembly, in view of the possibility of a union of all the Presbyterian Churches of the Dominion.

It was agreed to recommend that liberty be granted to all who may wish it to use the English Presbyterian Hymn Book.

Mr. Duncan was appointed a member of the committee of Synod on Bills and Overtures.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Port Hope on Wednesday, the 21st April, at 11 a.m.

JAMES THOM,
Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—The Presbytery of Stratford met at Stratford on the 23rd of March. There were 12 ministers and 8 elders present. An act for the reception of ministers was approved of, as reported by a committee which was appointed at a previous meeting. A committee was appointed to correspond with congregations which contribute less than the average amount per member for their ministers' stipend, that they may raise their contributions to the average amount paid by other congregations. Another committee was appointed to divide the amount required for the Presbytery fund according to the ability of the congregations, that they may contribute their respective proportions to this fund. The committee on Sabbath Schools gave in a report containing the draft of an address, and a constitution for Sabbath Schools. The address and the constitution were remitted to the committee, to revise and to publish the address, and to re-consider the constitution, and to report at next meeting. The remit from Synod respecting Psalmody was taken up, and it was agreed that it be sent to church sessions to report it to a committee (Mr. Croly, convener) two weeks before the next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Hamilton gave notice that he would present an overture at next meeting for transmission to the Synod, that a summary of the principles of the church be published in a convenient form for use or for distribution. Dr. Ormiston was nominated as moderator of the ensuing meeting of Synod, and the Rev. D. Waters and Mr. A. L. Argo were appointed members of the committee on bills and overtures. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Stratford, on Tuesday, 11th May, at 11 a.m.

WILLIAM DOAK,
Presbytery Clerk.