

A circular letter from the Presbytery of Hamilton was read, intimating the intention of that Presbytery, to apply to the Synod for leave to admit the Rev. Joseph Henderson as a minister of the church.

Members of the Presbytery were appointed to supply Glenallan up to the second Sabbath of November.

The Presbytery unanimously agreed to petition the Governor-General and the Legislature against the endowment of denominational colleges.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery met at Cobourg on the 30th of September.

Mr. Smith reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him at last meeting in connexion with the moderation of a call in the congregation of Port Hope; and laid on the table a call from that congregation to the Rev. John McMechan of Berlin, duly attested and numerously signed. The call was sustained, and ordered, with reasons of translations, to be transmitted to the Clerk of the Guelph Presbytery. Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Lees, elder, were appointed commissioners to prosecute said call before that Presbytery.

It was agreed to refer to the Synod to ascertain what parties have a right to vote in the election of ministers and office-bearers and at congregational meetings.

Messrs. Gracey, McDonald, Roger, McNaughton, Becket, and Pritchard, students, were examined and certified to Knox College.

A statement was received from Mr. William Jeffrey of the sums received by him as Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund, from which it appeared that no collections had been received from the following congregations—Millbrooke, South Cavan, Percy, Seymour, Baltimore, Keene, Westwood, Coiborne, Brighton. The Clerk was instructed to write to these congregations.

Mr. Scott submitted a scheme for missionary meetings, which was agreed to and in which it was proposed to divide the Presbytery into five sections. The first named in each section to correspond with the others as to the time for holding their meetings. 1. Messrs. Blain, Douglass and Paterson; 2. Scott, McKenzie and ——— of Port Hope. 3. Alexander, Bowie, Roger and ——— of Warsaw; 4. Duncan, Laing, Smith; 5. Andrews, Ewing and ——— of Bethesda and Alnwick. Messrs. Laing and Brodie were appointed a committee to consider with regard to the Home Mission Fund, and the proportion that each congregation should contribute, and to communicate with the different kirk sessions.

A communication was read from the Rev. Peter McDermid resigning the pastoral charge of the congregations of Bethesda church and Alnwick. Mr. McDermid and Mr. Isaac, sen. elder from Bethesda church being present were heard. Whereupon it was agreed—that the Presbytery having heard Mr. McDermid and Mr. Isaac, and learning that the state of Mr. McDermid's health is such as still to make his resignation necessary, and learning from Mr. Isaac that the congregation are not prepared to oppose his resignation, though fully aware of his intention to resign, and considering that thus the reasons which led the Presbytery to decline accepting Mr. McDermid's resignation formerly are removed, resolve to accept the resignation now tendered and to declare the pastoral relation between Mr. McDermid and the congregations of Bethesda church and Alnwick dissolved, they further record their sympathy with their brother Mr. McDermid and express their earnest hope that his health may be restored so as to enable him at no distant day to resume his duties as a minister in the church; also to express their sympathy with the congregations of Bethesda church and Alnwick in their present circumstances; and to assure them that they will do every thing in their power to aid them in obtaining another pastor. Mr. Scott was appointed to dispense the Lord's Supper at Bethesda on the 19th of October, and also on that day to declare both churches vacant.

Next meeting to meet on the call of the Moderator as soon as the result of the Port Hope call is known; and at Peterboro' on the 2nd Tuesday of January at eleven o'clock, A. M.

JAMES BOWIE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.

This Presbytery met at Columbus on Tuesday the 30th of September, when, besides a variety of other matters, the following business was duly transacted.