

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.—The following minute regarding Mr. Blain was adopted by the Presbytery.

"The Presbytery desire to put on record their sense of the loss they sustain by the removal of their brother, the Rev. William Blain, and the very high esteem in which he is held by them. By his abundant and official labors, his genial disposition, and uniform kindness, he has greatly endeared himself to his brethern of the Presbytery; and they wish and pray that he and his partner in life may enjoy every needful blessing, and that in God's good providence a sphere of labor may be speedily opened to him in which he may be long enabled to glorify his Divine Master."

Yours faithfully,

W. DONALD.

THE PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO held an ordinary meeting on the 2nd and 3rd of last month. Besides the Moderator, Professor Young, 22 ministers and 10 elders were present, as also three ministers from other Presbyteries.

It was notified by Messrs. Harris and McKay, ministers, and by Messrs. T. W. Taylor, A. Duff, H. McKay and J. Somerville, elders, that they would not be able to attend the meeting of the General Assembly, and Messrs. Glassford and Croll, Messrs. Wm. Kerr, James McDonald, Wm. Lesslie and John L. Blaikie were appointed to act respectively in their stead.

Mr. King, as Convener of the Home Mission Committee, submitted and read the annual report of said Committee, from which it appeared that seven fields of labour, (embracing 11 distinct stations or preaching places) have been under the oversight of the committee, that in connection with these there are 249 families, 290 communicants, 599 Sabbath scholars or members of Bible Classes, 1140 of average attendance on the public means of grace, and that these stations have raised for supply a total of \$1216, and received aid to the amount of \$551.50. It appeared further from the report, that the total amount contributed throughout the Presbytery to the General Assembly's H. M. Fund has been \$1935.32, being an increase of \$425.31 over the preceding year, and an increase of \$1469 over the receipts of 1863, notwithstanding that the Presbytery is diminished by the formation of the Presbytery of Simcoe. On motion made by Dr. Topp, it was unanimously agreed that the report be received and kept *in retentis*, that the Presbytery express their gratitude to God for the satisfactory progress which has been made in Home Mission work within the bounds, and in the contributions of the various congregations for the H. M. scheme; and further, the Presbytery resolve to offer their warmest thanks to the Convener for the valuable services which he has rendered to this important scheme. After several points embraced in the report were disposed of, the following were appointed as the H. M. Committee for the current year, viz.:—Messrs. King (Convener), Fletcher, Campbell, Reid, Pringle, McConnell, Christie, ministers; and Messrs. T. W. Taylor, J. Campbell, John L. Blaikie and Hon. J. McMurrich, elders.

Application was made for moderation in a call from the congregation of Boston church and Milton. Messrs. Cumming, Clouston and McPherson, certified commissioners, were heard, who stated that the congregations were unanimous in this application, and that they promise as annual salary the sum of \$750. The application was complied with, and the interim moderator of Session, Mr. Alexander, was appointed to preach and moderate on Wednesday, the 17th of the current month. Also a special meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the usual place on the 30th of the month, with a view to receive and dispose of said call.

Mr. George Brace and Mr. John Cameron, who were certified as having finished their theological curriculum, applied to the Presbytery to be examined on the usual subjects with a view to being taken on public probationary trials for license. They were examined accordingly; and thereafter it was resolved by the Presbytery to make application to the General Assembly for leave to proceed with the other usual measures.