

adherents, was laid on the table and sustained as a regular Gospel call. The Presbytery agreed to forward it to Mr Straith and request his decision as soon as convenient. On a vote of 13 to 9 it was agreed to recommend the General Assembly to appoint the Rev David Inglis to the chair of Theology now vacant in Knox College, Toronto. It was agreed to recommend the General Assembly to change the Statistical Financial Year so as to run from the 1st of January till the 31st of December, instead of from the 1st of April till 31st of March. Mr. Thomas Macpherson, of Stratford, was unanimously nominated Moderator of the next Assembly. The following were appointed representatives to the Assembly at their approaching meeting in Quebec; Revs. J. K. Smith, J. A. Thompson J. Middlemiss, And. McLean, by rotation, Mr. Ball and Mr. Bowie having waived their rights in behalf of others, and Messrs Geo. Smeilie, Robert Torrance, T. McGuire and Kenneth McDonald, by election, and Messrs Geo. Bruce, sen., John McAlpin, Wm. Henderson, Jas. Cowan, Moses Douglas, G. V. Barron, Peter Dion and Thos. McCrae, Ruling Elders. The Committee appointed to examine the Constitutions which the Congregation of Knox Church, Elora, and Union Church, Galt, had submitted for the sanction of the Presbytery, reported in favor of Constitutions with certain alterations. The report was approved, and the Clerk instructed to send notice to each congregation of the amendments made. A memorial from the congregation in Arthur setting forth that there was a desire for union expressed between the church there and the congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, was read and considered, after which a committee was appointed to visit Arthur and inquire into all the circumstances of the case, to confer with any Committee that may be appointed by the Presbytery of Hamilton for a similar purpose, and to report at next meeting. Reports were received from ministers who had been doing missionary duties within the bounds. A petition was submitted from members and adherents of the church in South Luther and Amaranth, asking to be allowed an opportunity of hearing Probationers with a view to call one to take the stated oversight of their souls, accompanying a subscription list of \$400 from both places. Agreed that the request be granted. Several other matters of less general interest were disposed of. The next meeting was appointed to be held in Union Church, Galt, on the first Tuesday of May, at 11 o'clock forenoon.

R. TORRANCE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG. - This Presbytery met at Port Hope on the 7th of March.

A letter was read from Mr. John Baikie, probationer, declining the call from Lakesfield. There was laid on the table another call from the same congregation, in reference to which the Rev. Mr. Roger explained that, having regard to the peculiar circumstances of the congregation at Lakesfield after Mr. Baikie's declination of the call became known, and having obtained the concurrence of several members of Presbytery, he had again moderated in a call at Lakesfield. The call was in favour of Mr. N. Clark, probationer, was entirely unanimous, and was found to be signed by 70 communicants and 6 adherents. Mr. Casement appeared as commissioner from the congregation, and stated that the salary would be \$550, with a house if it should be required.

It was unanimously agreed to sustain the call, and to express cordial approval of the course pursued in the matter of Mr. Roger.

Commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly.

The Presbytery thereafter took into consideration the Remit of Assembly in reference to the appointment of a Professor of Systematic Theology in Knox College. After lengthened discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Rev. A. A. Hodge, D.D., of Alleghany City, Pa., and the Rev. John Laing, of Coboourg, be nominated by this Presbytery as ministers suitable and qualified for the Chair.