

of stirring the people up to increased liberality. Mr. Burton was authorized to ask the Students' Missionary Society of Knox College to send three Missionaries to this necessitous district during the ensuing summer.

The collection for the Presbytery and Synod funds was appointed to be taken up before next meeting, and it is desired that the contributions should average from 25 to 30 cents per family.

Mr. Scott having asked advice of the Presbytery in relation to the future supply of Mill Point, it was decided to recognize it as a station under their care, and Mr. Burton was empowered to secure the services of a student during the ensuing summer. The Belleville session record was examined and attested. Notice was given by the clerk that the remits of Assembly would be taken into consideration at next meeting, and that the Rev. Alexander Young, of Montreal, would be proposed as Mission Secretary of the church.

In the evening, Rev. Patrick Gray preached a sermon on special providence. After sermon an interesting conference was held on the state of religion. Several addresses were delivered as follows: by Mr. Turnbull, the moderator, on the scriptural warrant for such conferences, and the benefit that may be expected to flow from them; by Mr. Wishart, on evangelistic services viewed in the light of recent experience on his part in connection therewith; by Mr. Chambers on the duty of the Church in relation to the young committed to her care; by Mr. Scott on the religious aspect of matters in and around Napanee, and by Mr. McLaren, of Ottawa, on the utility of evangelistic services shown by actual trial in the Presbytery of Ottawa.

The next quarterly meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Napanee, on the first Monday of April, ensuing, at 7 o'clock, p.m. Mr. Wilson to preach at the opening exercises.

THOMAS S. CHAMBERS,  
Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.—This Presbytery met according to appointment at Prince Albert, on the 7th day of January, at 10½ o'clock, for the purpose of inducting to the pastorate of Prince Albert and Port Perry, the Rev. James Thom, late of Enniskillen. Evidence being furnished of the previous serving of the edict, it was again ordered to be read to the congregation assembled in the church. Mr. Ratcliff, elder, entrusted with this, having returned and reported his discharge of the duty, the Presbytery, after waiting a reasonable time and no objector appearing, adjourned in a constituted capacity to the church for the special services of the day.

After an excellent sermon by Mr. Murray, of Woodville, Dr. Thornton, who presided on the occasion, narrated the steps taken in regard to the call, put the questions in the formula to Mr. Thom, which were satisfactorily answered, and then led in prayer, solemnly commending to the care of the great Head of the church, minister and people.

Mr. Ballantyne then suitably addressed the minister, and Mr. Smith in like manner the congregation. At the close of the public services, Mr. Edmondson, late moderator of the session, conducted Mr. Thom to the entrance to the church, where he received a kind welcome from the people on retiring.

The Presbytery cherish the hope that the charge upon which Mr. Thom has thus entered will ere long be increased. The cause has hitherto been small, and the difficulties to be encountered were many and great. The rapidly increasing population of Port Perry, however, has of late imparted some strength to that quarter of the congregation, and farther accessions may be reasonably expected under so energetic a worker as Mr. Thom, who has entered upon the field from a most disinterested desire to advance the cause of the Canada Presbyterian Church in that important locality. In doing so it has been at no small sacrifice of comfort and feeling, having been comfortably situated in his former charge, and enjoying universal esteem therein.