

field of labor, where his talents may be employed with benefit to the souls of men and comfort to himself, and that he may be an honored instrument in the hand of God in promoting his glory and advancing the interests of his cause. Mr. Hamilton being under severe bodily affliction, appointments were made for the supply of his pulpit. Mr. Bell gave notice that at next meeting of Presbytery he would move that it hold its ordinary meetings at Stratford, Mitchell, and St. Mary's, in rotation. Messrs. McPherson, Fotheringham, and Hall, Dr. Waters, and Mr. Mitchell, ministers, and Messrs. Ralph Donaldson, William Whaley, John Wilson, Michael Ballantyne, and Geo. McIntyre, elders, were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly. It was moved by Dr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Hislop, that Mr. David Inglis be nominated Professor of Systematic Theology in Knox College. It was moved in amendment by Mr. McPherson, seconded by Mr. Fotheringham, that Mr. William Gregg be nominated to that office. The motion was carried, eight voting for it, and five for the amendment. The Presbytery approved *simpliciter* of the Act on the Reception of Ministers, and stood adjourned to meet for ordinary business, at Harrington, at eleven o'clock, a. m., on July 4th.

JOHN FOTHERINGHAM, *Clerk.*

**PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.**—This Presbytery met at Winchester on 2nd March. Three ministers and two elders were present. The pieces of trial of Rev. A. Rowat having been delivered with great satisfaction to the Presbytery, his ordination was proceeded with in the afternoon. The Rev. A. J. Traver, of Brockville, preached and presided. Having answered the usual questions, Mr. Rowat was ordained by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. Messrs. Bennett and McKenzie addressed, in suitable and impressive terms, the minister and people. Mr. Rowat received a very hearty welcome from the people.

**PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.**—An ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held at Durham on the 18th and 19th April.

A letter was read from Mr. John Straith, minister of the gospel, declining the call to Carrick congregation.

A petition on the table from Mount Forest, praying that the union between Mount Forest and Arthur branches of that congregation be dissolved, was taken up. Commissioners from each branch having been heard, after deliberation it was resolved to grant the prayer of the petition, Mr. Macmillan, minister of the congregation, continuing in charge of Arthur station till the last Sabbath of May, when said station shall cease to be part of his pastoral charge.

The remits from the General Assembly were taken up. The remit on the appointment of a Professor of Systematic Theology in Knox College having been considered, the Rev. Wm. Gregg, M. A., Toronto, and the Rev. A. A. Hodge, United States, were nominated as suitable and qualified for the chair. Of the remit on the reception of ministers of other Churches, the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th clauses were agreed to as they stand, and the 3rd with the addition, "it being also understood that the Presbytery, if need be, may meanwhile give the applicant missionary employment." Of the remit on Statistics, the first four clauses were agreed to as they stand, and the 5th with the following amendment, namely, that in the third line the words "first of March" be substituted for the words "first of February."

Messrs. J. Macmillan, C. Cameron and J. Morrison, ministers, and D. Macmillan, T. Bennie and P. Peebles, Chalmers Church, Quebec, elders, were appointed commissioners to the ensuing General Assembly.

Mr. McMillan gave in a Home Mission Report, which was received and considered at length.

WM. PARK, *Pres. Clerk.*