

tually meeting their obligations to himself, he would forego all past claims against them for arrears; and that the congregation, after expressing their thanks to him for his generous offer, agreed heartily to enter into said arrangement. The clerk reported also, that the congregation of Prince Albert, accepting of the Home Mission committee's offer of supplement to the amount of \$125. on condition that they would raise \$325 per annum for stipend, had promised to give said sum. He was instructed to report that to said committee. The Reference from the Session of Columbus and Brooklin, and the Appeal from the decision of the session of Prince Albert, were further considered, and both disposed of. The reports of probationers and missionaries, were considered and ordered to be certified. Read a letter from the convener of H. M. Committee. The information desired, the clerk was instructed to give. The circular from the Synod's Committee on Uniformity of Psalmody was before the court. The presbytery answered the queries as follows:—That there are used in the congregations within the bounds of the presbytery, the Psalms, Psalms and Paraphrases, and the U P. Hymn Book. That the court do *not* conscientiously object to the use of any songs of praise in public worship except those contained in the Book of Psalms: and that, while they approve of a revision of the Paraphrases and Hymns, and of a selection of a limited number of Hymns, they strongly question the expediency of moving at present in that direction. Mr. Riddell gave notice that at the next meeting of the court, he would resign the office of clerkship. The presbytery then adjourned to meet at Oshawa, on Tuesday, the 7th of May, at 11 o'clock a m.

GEORGE RIDDELL, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.—This Presbytery met at Peterboro' on the 15th January. There were present nine ministers and three elders; the Rev. Peter Duncan, of Colborne, Moderator. There were received from a number of the missionary deputations encouraging reports of good attendance, lively interest, increased contributions at the different missionary meetings held within the bounds of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery, after having fully considered Mr. Thom's demission of the Warsaw portion of his charge and also the petition of the people of North Smith and Harvey for a share of Mr. Thom's ministrations, came unanimously to the following finding:—That the demission by Mr. Thom of the Warsaw portion of his charge be accepted; grant the petition of the people of North Smith and Harvey for the services of Mr. Thom; and that Mr. Thom be recommended, besides giving monthly supply in Harvey and preaching on Sabbath evenings when practicable, to cultivate that field diligently and afford as much service on week days as may be in his power.

Messrs Drummond, Becket, Wood and McIntyre, members of the session of Keene and Westwood, craved the advice of the Presbytery in regard to an application made by Mr. Russell. It was stated by Mr Drummond—on behalf of a majority of the session of Keene—that Mr J. S. Russell had made application for a certificate of membership for himself. Mr. Drummond expressed his opinion that a majority of the session were in favor of granting a certificate to Mr. Russell, but that when the question came up Mr. Andrews had left the chair before the motion to grant a certificate could be put to the vote and the motion was not put, and then Mr. Andrews returned to the chair and dismissed the meeting of session with the benediction. Messrs. Wood, Becket and McIntyre, members of the session of Keene, also expressed themselves to the same effect. After consideration the Presbytery came to the following finding:—That the members of the session of Keene, asking for the advice of the Presbytery, be advised to request the Moderator of session to call a meeting of session at as early a day as convenient, that the session being met, they proceed first, after being constituted, to the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting, and since Mr Andrews has resigned the clerkship, they appoint a new clerk, and then, the court being fully constituted, a motion be put in regular form to grant a certificate to Mr. Russell.

Mr. Paterson was appointed to preach at Warsaw on the following Sabbath and declare the congregation there vacant.