

In the meantime Mr. Macaulay was appointed to preach in Melrose and Roslin, on the 12th and 26th of February, and Mr. Rogers on the 29th January.

Mr. Gregg was appointed to preach at Picton, and dispense the Sacrament of the Supper, on the 29th January; Mr. Macaulay to preach there on the 15th; Mr. Chesnut on the 12th February, and Mr. Wilson on the 26th.

Mr. Burns was appointed to preach on some Sabbath which he might find convenient, in Ballinahinch and Storrington.

The Presbytery, in accordance with instructions of Synod, considered the note respecting the 23rd chap. of the Confession of Faith, and renewed their approval of said note.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Madoc, on the 12th, where several matters connected with the Madoc congregation were discussed, and Mr. Gregg appointed to preach to them on the following Sabbath.

The next meeting of Presbytery was held in Gananogue, on the 8th February, at which Mr. Macaulay was transferred to the Hamilton Presbytery, and the clerk instructed to make application for additional laborers.

In connection with the foregoing meetings of Presbytery, missionary meetings were held in Picton, Demorestville, Belleville, Madoc, Roslin, Kingston and Gananogue. The meetings this year were well attended; and the contributions about 50 per cent. higher than they ever were before.

WILLIAM GREGG, *Pres. Clerk.*

#### PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery met at Cobourg, on the 5th ult. The following is a brief summary of its proceedings:—

A letter was read from the Rev. J. M. Roger, resigning the pastoral charge of North Cavan, in consequence of the rapidly increasing congregation of Peterboro' requiring his full time and attention. The Presbytery directed the clerk to intimate this to the congregation of North Cavan, and cite them to appear at next meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. D. McAleese intimated his intention of resigning the pastoral charge of Warsaw, in consequence of its distance from Norwood, and the difficulty of giving sufficient attention to it.

Financial reports were called for, and several were given in.

Arrangements were made for holding missionary meetings at Trenton, and Murray, also at Percy and Alwick.

Missionary meetings were appointed to be held, during the months of February and March, at Peterboro', N. and S. Cavan, Millbrook, Keene, Westwood, Norwood, Warsaw, Belmont, Smith, and Hastings.

Rev. Mr. McKenzie gave notice of overtures at next meeting, on the following subjects:—

1. The propriety of one or more ministers preaching at each meeting of Presbytery.

2. The necessity of having a paper devoted to the interests of the Church.

Mr. Blain, student of Divinity, having delivered the discourses prescribed to him, was licensed to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

J. W. SMITH, *Pres. Clerk.*

#### PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

The Presbytery of Brockville held its regular quarterly meeting at Prescott, on the 7th Feb'y. The following are some of the principal items of business before the Court.

Reports were asked for regarding the fulfilment of appointments to preaching stations, for the last quarter. These were all found punctually attended to. It was found also that the Synodical collections had been all taken in the

congregations of the Presbytery, and that the stations had generally attended to this matter.—The committee appointed at last meeting reported, that a plan for holding the meetings throughout the bounds, in reference to the Presbytery's Mission, had been drawn up, and that in pursuance of the notice given, meetings had been held in eleven of the eighteen places named in the plan. It was also reported to the Presbytery, that the collections, at the several places, for this Fund, had *far exceeded in amount*, the sums realised hitherto, and that there was a fair prospect that the Presbytery could, in addition to the present missionary's salary, meet the expenses incurred in the employment of two Catechists for the summer. Instructions were given to the Clerk to apply to the Home Mission Committee for one at the close of the Session in Knox's College. The sessions of the several Churches in the Presbytery, were instructed to present their Records of Session at next meeting of Presbytery. The consideration of the "Note" proposed to be adopted in reference to certain expressions in the Westminster Confession of Faith, was postponed till next meeting of Presbytery. Appointments were made to give partial supply of preaching at Charleston, Farmersville, Beverley, and Bellamyville, till next meeting.

The following is a condensed outline of the Report of the Rev. James Sinclair, the Presbytery's Missionary. He had now spent four months as the Missionary of the Presbytery at Bedford, Westport, Newboro', and Elgin, preaching at two of the places on each alternate Sabbath, to audiences averaging, at each place, about sixty to eighty—the attendance on the whole increasing. A prayer-meeting had been established at Newboro', and an apparent interest taken in the matter. Another such meeting was in process of formation at Bedford—several of the people there seeming to take a deep interest in the step, and all things giving promising hopes of life and continued prosperity at those places. Mr. Sinclair had also preached at Charleston and Beverley, and North Bedford, during week days, and found considerable anxiety expressed, especially at Charleston and North Bedford, for a share in the labours of a Missionary from the Presbytery. (The people at Charleston have a strong claim on the Presbytery, for various reasons, and among others, that, in proportion to their numbers, they are the largest contributors to the Presbytery's Mission Fund.) Mr. Sinclair also dwells on a pleasing feature of things in the stations where he labours—the apparent desire for gospel ordinances—and the regularity with which the people, young and old, attend the preaching of the word. He also reports, that at Westport, preparations are being made to erect a Church during the ensuing summer. He had visited thirty seven families in those four stations, and found the people kind, and gratified by his visits. He concludes his very admirable and interesting Report—but which is rather long for publication in the *Record*—by suggesting that North Bedford should be associated with the three places already named, and that Elgin should be transferred to a new group of stations, including Beverley, Charleston, and Farmersville, thus forming two groups of stations, which would each be a field of labour sufficiently extensive for employing the time of two missionary agents.

JOHN McMURRAY, *Pres. Clerk.*

#### COBOURG MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Missionary Society, in connexion with St. Andrew's Church, Cobourg, was, this evening, held in the church, which was filled on the occasion. The chair was taken by C. H. Morgan, Esq., supported by the following ministers:—Rev. Messrs. Roger, Andrews, Sanderson, Smith, of Grafton,

McLeod, McKenzie, and Smith, of Bowmanville.

After the opening of the meeting by praise and prayer, the report was read, in the absence of the Secretary, by A. Jeffrey, Esq., which was received and adopted.

The following was the distribution of the funds of the Society:—

Home Mission Fund .....	£15 0 0
Knox's College.....	25 0 0
Buxton Mission and Synod Fund....	10 0 0
Widows' and Orphans' Fund .....	2 10 0
French Canadian Mission.....	7 10 0
	£60 0 0

Foreign Missions of the Free Church of Scotland—the collection of the evening, which amounted to..... £9 8 4

Several resolutions were then moved by the Rev. gentlemen who addressed the meeting in good effective speeches, which, being put from the chair, were unanimously carried. A good choir was in attendance, which enlivened the meeting with some well executed music and appropriate hymns. The meeting was closed at a late hour by praise and the benediction.

CONCORD, 6th Feb., 1854.

#### REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, COBOURG, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 6th FEBRUARY, 1854.

At the close of another annual period, your Committee deem it right to pass under review the various objects which, by the supreme judicatory of our Church, are commended to the interest and liberality of all her adherents. In number they are six:—

- The support of our Home Mission.
- The Theological Seminary, Knox's College.
- The Buxton Mission and Synod Fund.
- The Widows' and Orphans' Fund.
- The French Canadian Missionary Society.
- The Foreign Missions of the Free Church of Scotland.

The first of these, the *Home Mission*, has particular claims on our regards from the fact, that independent of its intrinsic value, as an adjunct to the stated machinery of our ecclesiastical system, it is local in its management and in its field of operation. It takes cognizance of the spiritual wants of our fellow countrymen, less favourably situated than ourselves, who located in new or remote and but thinly peopled settlements, yet yearn with anxious solicitude for those means of grace, which their poverty or isolated position prevent their securing for themselves without the assistance of others. This Mission has been the fruitful mother of many now flourishing congregations.

*Knox's College.*—The leadings of Providence would indicate, that on a native trained ministry will fall the burden of our Church's work, accustomed in some measure to the habits and peculiarities of our country and its inhabitants, and having a peculiar adaptation to the prosecution of their important duties. For the training of such, Knox's College is instituted, and a very large number of our ministers have received, within the precincts of our institution, the training for their important duties.

*Buxton Mission.*—The Mission to the colored refugees from American Slavery, who located in the Elgin settlement, are making steady progress in material as well as moral prosperity, is in a very interesting condition. We learn that the success of the experiment is now undoubted, owing mainly to the judicious and energetic management of the Rev. Mr. King. The church and school are in a state of high prosperity, and have excited in all visitors, feelings of gratitude and admiration. The poverty of the refugees, however, renders it impossible that the Mission should be as yet self-sustaining, and accordingly