

Mr. Clark of Quebec presented the claims of stations at Port Neuf, Stoneham, Lake Beauport, and Lorette. It was agreed to authorize Mr. Clark to organize said stations, and, if expedient, to ordain elders; also that supply for twelve months be granted them, the congregation of Quebec agreeing to provide a salary for a missionary.

Mr. Mackie reported that Mr. Paterson, Mr. Eadie, and himself, had visited Mill Isle. Mr. Binnie, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Eadie, and Mr. Mackie, were appointed to preach a day each at this station, and a missionary was appointed there for the six months of summer.

The Presbytery cordially granted the Rev. Dr. Taylor leave of absence for four months during the summer, his intention being (D. V.) to visit Britain.

Mr. Anderson was sent on a mission to Winslow, and Mr. Milloy was appointed *ad interim* Moderator of that session.

The clerk was instructed to convey to Mr. Henderson of Park the thanks of the Presbytery, through the Rev. Dr. Ormiston, for the three valuable volumes presented to each of its ministers.

It was agreed to grant missionary supply to Metis during the summer. Adjourned to meet in Cote Street Church, Montreal, on the first Tuesday of May, at 11 a.m.

A. F. KEMP, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery met at Peterboro on the 13th and 14th of January. The Rev. John Paterson was chosen Moderator for the next six months.

It was agreed to apply to the Synod's Home Mission Committee for whatever funds may have been sent them by congregations within the bounds of this Presbytery.

Messrs. Hugh McFee and George Harper appeared and presented a petition signed by thirty-five members and adherents of the congregation of Warsaw, praying that that congregation be united into a pastoral charge with the congregation of Lakefield, when the following motion was agreed to: "The Presbytery, having considered the petition from Warsaw, and the statements made by the representatives of the congregation, and desiring to promote the best interests of the section of the church more immediately concerned, resolve to record their approval of the proposed arrangement, if it can be carried into effect with due regard to the congregations which may thereby be affected, and with a view to further action, resolve to send down a copy of the petition and relative minutes to the sessions of Peterboro, Lakefield, Springville, and Warsaw, to be laid before the congregations, and appoint a committee, consisting of Messrs. Laing, Bowie, Ewing, and Andrews, to meet with representatives of the congregations at Peterboro, on the 27th of January, 1863, at 11 o'clock a.m., to consider what steps should be taken towards giving effect to the prayer of the petition."

Mr. Laing read a letter from Dr. Ormiston, stating that John Henderson, Esq., of Park, had generously presented to each minister of this church a donation of books. It was agreed that the thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to Mr. Henderson for his very handsome gift.

Mr. William McWilliam, B.A., was licensed as a preacher of the gospel. Mr. McWilliam's appearances before the Presbytery were honourable to himself and satisfactory to the court, and we cordially welcome him into the service of the church.

The report of the committee on the case of the Rev. William McAlister was called for. The committee reported to the effect that that Mr. McAlister had united with the Congregational church at Cobourg, and had gone down to Metis as a minister of that denomination. There were also laid on the table several papers, viz., a letter from Mr. Kemp, clerk of the Presbytery of Montreal, and a paper from the Rev. T. Fenwick, missionary at Metis, complaining of the views and conduct of Mr. McAlister, and of those who act with him. There was also laid on the table a paper sent to the convener by Mr. McAlister intimating his withdrawal from the Canada Presbyterian Church, on learning that his offer to go to Metis as a Presbyterian minister had not been accepted, and that Mr. Fenwick was to be retained at Metis. The papers were read and ordered to be kept in *relics*.

The Presbytery resolved to receive the report and to approve of the course pursued by the committee, and further, having fully considered the whole case and documents submitted, and feeling constrained, out of regard to the interests of the