

Committee, on the state of religion, namely, those of Madoc, Chalmers' Church, Kingston, and Storrington and Pittsburgh.

THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.—This Presbytery met at Port Hope on the 30th of March. Messrs. Bennett and Clarke were appointed a Committee to visit Haliburton, to examine into the state of the field there, and to report at next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Bennett read the report of the committee appointed to prepare a series of questions to be used at the Presbyterial visitation of congregations. After some discussion it was agreed to re-commit the report to the committee. It was agreed to defer the appointment of an ordained missionary. A Call from Norwood and Hastings, in favour of Mr. Macwilliam of Bowmantown, was set aside, in accordance with Mr. Macwilliam's earnest request. Mr. Bennett, Minister, and Mr. W. E. Johnstone, Elder, were appointed members of the Synod's Committee of Bills and Overtures. Mr. Douglas, Minister, and Mr. Sutherland, Elder, were appointed members of the Corresponding Committee of the General Assembly. Petitions from Harvey, Blairton, and Kinmount, for the services of missionaries during the summer months, were submitted. It was agreed to grant the prayer of these petitions; and, in accordance therewith, the clerk was instructed to endeavour to secure the services of missionaries for these places as well as for the other missionary fields which the Presbytery has been cultivating. Reports on the state of religion, from a number of congregations, were given in. The consideration of these was remitted to a committee consisting of Messrs. Douglas, McKay, and Donald, Ministers, and Mr. Walter Riddell, Elder. Mr. Paterson tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge at Bobcaygeon and Dansford. It was agreed to cite these congregations to appear for their interest at the next meeting of Presbytery, which was appointed to be held at Millbrook, on the 1st Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m.

W. DONALD, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE.—A regular meeting of the Presbytery was held at Barrie, on Tuesday, 30th March. Present, ten ministers and four elders. The Presbytery granted an application from Mr. Robert J. Beattie, probationer, for dismission to the Presbytery of Troy, of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, in order to give effect to a call from the congregation of Fort Edward, in the State of New York. The clerk was instructed to reply to a letter from a Committee of the Presbytery of Toronto, that there is no objection to that Presbytery occupying the Shelburne Station, and that application will be made to the Synod of Toronto to decide the doubtful matter of bounds of Presbytery. Messrs. W. Fraser, M. Fraser, and G. Craw, ministers, and Mr. Brown, elder, were appointed members of Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures; Mr. Fairbairn, minister, and Mr. John Ross, elder, members of the Assembly's Committee on Bills, etc. The Presbytery declined to grant leave of absence to Mr. Marples, for the purpose of taking part in a public discussion in the town of Brantford. A large amount of Home Mission business was done. The proposal of Knox College Missionary Society to send three missionaries within the bounds for the summer, was thankfully accepted. Mr. Marples' engagement in Muskoka was continued till 1st July. The convener was authorised to advertise for a missionary for Bracebridge, at a salary of seven hundred dollars per annum; and to apply for grants for six groups of stations, and two supplemented congregations.

ROBERT MOODIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

THE PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met in McNab Street Church, Hamilton, on Tuesday, the 13th of April. Mr. Fletcher was moderator. There were 19 ministers and 5 elders present. Mr. Thomson, of Ayr, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Rev. James Little, of Nassaga-