

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The Presbytery of Paris held its usual quarterly meeting at Paris on the 26th of January. The time of the court was chiefly occupied in considering the overtures and other matters sent down by Synod, most of which were approved with slight alterations.

The principle of the overture on a General Assembly was approved unanimously. It was also carried by a majority that the Assembly be composed of one-third of the members of each Presbytery, to be appointed in rotation.

The overture on printing of papers in causes was disapproved. The overture on parties who have a right to vote at congregational meetings was approved with a very slight modification.

The regulations on Home Missions were approved almost without change, except as to the numbers constituting the committee. A large committee necessarily causes considerable expense either to individuals or the Church. And it was considered that one member from each Presbytery, appointed by the Presbytery itself, would manage the business as efficiently as a Committee twice as large.

The Circular from the Board of Management of Knox College was duly considered, and a committee appointed to bring the claims of the College before the several congregations in the Presbytery, and to take such steps as may be necessary to attain the object aimed at in the circular.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.—This Presbytery met at Prince Albert on the 16th ult. The following are some of the principal items of business: 1. A call from Columbus in favour of Rev. W. M. Mackey was laid on the table by the Rev. J. Baird. The call was sustained and put into Mr. Mackey's hands. Time for consideration was granted. In the meantime it is understood that a call will be given by the Whitley congregation to Mr. Mackey. 2. The call from Kincardine in favour of Rev. J. McTavish occupied a considerable time. The Rev. J. Ross appeared as commissioner from the Presbytery of Huron, and Rev. A. Tolmie from the congregation of Kincardine. Mr. D. Cameron and the Rev. J. Gray appeared as commissioners from the Woodville congregation. After hearing all parties, the Presbytery decided that they would not be justified in removing Mr. McTavish from his present sphere. The Commissioners from the west appealed to the next meeting of Synod. 3. The matters connected with Ashburn and Utica again occupied the attention of the Presbytery. It was agreed not to transmit the papers handed in at a previous meeting, and further to declare the appeal of Messrs. Sharp and Ferguson taken on the 4th Augt., frivolous and vexatious. The Presbytery farther appointed a Committee to proceed to Utica and try to remove the feeling of alienation which at present exists there. The Rev. R. Monteath was also appointed to visit Ashburn for the purpose of presiding at the election of elders, and to dispense sealing ordinances and seek to build up the congregation.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.—This Presbytery met at Peterboro' on the 19th and 20th of January. The Rev. J. W. Smith was appointed Moderator for the next six months. The Rev. J. R. Scott was loosed from the pastoral charge of the congregations of Perrytown and Oakhills. The Presbytery in parting with Mr. Scott, recorded the following minute:—"While reluctantly accepting of the resignation of his charge at Perrytown and Oakhills, still pressed upon them by Mr. Scott under an important sense of duty the Presbytery desire to place on record their esteem and love for their brother Mr. Scott, and to bear testimony to the earnest zeal, christian meekness, prudence and wisdom which have characterized his ministry in circumstances of no ordinary difficulty. It is with unfeigned sorrow that the members of the Presbytery part with their brother, feeling that they lose in Mr. Scott, not only a wise, useful and willing labourer in the Lord's vineyard, but a beloved and valued associate and friend." Reports from missionaries in the bounds of the Presbytery were read. A circular calling the attention of the Presbytery to the present financial state of Knox College. It was agreed to instruct the deputations to missionary meetings to bring this matter prominently forward in their addresses. Messrs. Laing, Roger, Blain, and Mr. Turnbull, elder, were appointed a committee to consider the feasibility of uniting Lakefield and Warsaw, and to consult all parties interested. The following appointments were made. Perrytown and Oakhills, Mr. Laing, 14th Feb., Mr. McWilliam, 28th, Mr. Blain, 13th March, Mr. Smith, 27th.