

3. That both be directed to appear for examination in the subjects mentioned in the prescribed curriculum, at the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

A full and interesting report of the circumstances of the various Mission stations and vacancies, was given in by Mr. Wilson, Convener. The only unsatisfactory thing about it was, that there had been a very general deficiency in the contributions of the stations towards payment of the Missionaries whose services they had received.

Mr. McLaren preferred a request for leave of absence from his charge for four months, commencing in April next; this the Presbytery readily granted, expressing the cordial wish that the relaxation from pressing labour for a time, and the contemplated sea voyage, may be unattended with danger, and that their esteemed brother may return, reinvigorated in health, and with a blessing, to the care of his flock.

The Presbytery noticed with approbation the effort now made for the liquidation of the College debt; and instructed the Clerk to write to the congregations which have not yet contributed towards the debt-extinction scheme.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be holden at Belleville, on Tuesday, 1st April, at 10 o'clock A. M.

P. GRAY, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery met at Peterboro' on the 21st and 22nd of January. An interesting report from the Rev. William Clark of his labours on the Bobcaygeon road was read. In connection with this it was agreed that the stations already visited by Mr. Clark be assiduously cultivated by the Presbytery, leaving, however, to the discretion of the Missionary to decide as to the order and frequency of services at each place; that Mr. Laing visit these places before the first week of March with the view of organising one or more Mission stations, and if deemed expedient dispensing sealing ordinances, and that Mr. Clark be instructed to converse with applicants so as to prepare the way for Mr. Laing's visit; and that application be made again for the services of Mr. Clark for the six months beginning with April next.

It was agreed also to apply for a Missionary for Warsaw.

Reports were received of the Missionary meetings that had been held, and of the effort that it is being made to aid the building fund of Knox College.

The Presbytery considered the resignation of the Rev. Peter McDermid. Papers were read and Commissioners from the Congregations heard. The Presbytery having learned the continued attachment of the congregations of Bethesda Church and Alnwick to Mr. McDermid, and their desire that his resignation be not accepted; and having reason to believe that the health of Mr. McDermid was improving and that at no distant day he might be able to resume his pastoral duties, agreed not to accept of his resignation.

Letters from the Presbyteries of Ottawa and Paris in reply to the circular letter from this Presbytery anent the reception of the Rev. A. C. Stuart, were read.

Mr. Laing requested leave of absence for four months that he might visit Britain, which was granted.

In consequence of its having been found that the Presbytery had appointed the Missionary meeting for the Peterboro' congregation for the evening that Mr. Scott was appointed to preach, it was thought advisable to dispense with the sermon. Mr. Scott was appointed to preach at next meeting.

Mr. Roger was appointed Moderator for the next six months.

The next meeting was appointed to be held at Cobourg on the first Tuesday of May, at 11 o'clock A. M.

JAMES BOWIE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.

The Ontario Presbytery met at Columbus on the 14th January. There was a full meeting and a large amount of general business transacted. One new station has already been organized at Uxbridge Village, another about to be at Leaskdale, in the Township of Scott, and the Presbytery is using great diligence to "lengthen the cords" of the church in the Mission ground in the northern part of the county.

A notice from the Clerk of Cobourg Presbytery was read, intimating the intention of that Presbytery to apply, at next meeting of Synod, for the admission of the