

ceiving missionary supply, urging on all concerned the duty of paying the missionary punctually and liberally.

Those stations that may be in arrears for missionary labor are hereby earnestly called upon to pay up such arrears without delay. The Committee of Presbytery feel constrained to lay it down as a general rule, admitting of very rare exception, (if admitting of exception at all), that unless the missionaries be paid up at the end of each quarter at least, the supply will be stopped.

Mr. Gray was appointed to organize the congregation at Collingwood at his own convenient time.

Mr. McTavish gave notice of an overture on providing a fund for aged and infirm ministers.

Mr. Rennie's report of missionary labor was given in and read.

All communications relative to supplies to be addressed, postpaid, to Rev. J. Nisbet, Oakville, and such as relate to finance to Rev. W. Reid, 108 Yonge Street, Toronto.

It was agreed that next meeting be held in Toronto in the first Tuesday of May at 11 o'clock, when the Records of the several Sessions will be called for, and also Reports not yet given in by the missionaries that have been labouring within the bounds during the winter.

At next meeting will be taken up the consideration of the overture on Duties of Elders and Deacons and several other items of business necessarily deferred.

T. WRIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

#### PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON;

The Presbytery of Kingston met at Madoc, on the 7th day of April.

Mr. David Wishart was ordained to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Madoc.—Mr. Hume preached and presided on the occasion. Mr. Gregg addressed the newly ordained minister, and Mr. Thomson the people.

The Congregation of Madoc derives additional importance at present, from the settlements on the Madawaska road, many of which are occupied by Presbyterian families, among whom Mr. Wishart may be able to open up new missionary stations.

At the request of Mr. Wishart, Mr. Robert Bates was appointed assessor to the Madoc Session, until the appointment of one or more acting elders.

A letter from the Clerk of Brockville and Ottawa Presbytery was read, stating their intention to apply to the Synod for leave to receive Mr. Canning as a minister of this Church.

A letter was read from Mr. Gordon, explaining the reason of his absence, and asking an extension of leave till July, which was granted.

Messrs. Wilson and Chambers were appointed to moderate in a call in Chalmers' Church, should occasion arise.

WM. GREGG, *Pres. Clerk.*

#### PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery met at Grafton, on the 24th and 25th of March.

Mr. Herriot presented a petition from the Congregation of Percy and Seymour, for the moderation of a call. He also laid on the table, subscription lists, showing their willingness and ability to support a minister. The Presbytery appointed Messrs. J. W. Smith, and McKenzie, to attend to this duty when they visit Percy, on the 14th of April.

Mr. McKenzie handed in a written report of his visit to Colborne, from which it appeared that in accordance with the instruction of the Presbytery, he had called a meeting of the Colborne Congregation, and laid before them the change proposed by the Grafton congre-

gation, when it was agreed unanimously—That a student from Knox's College labour principally at Colborne, but exchange pulpits occasionally with Mr. Smith, and that the said student endeavour to form a new station of the Church at Brighton, or Centreville, or both, which may be connected pastorally, ultimately with Colborne.

Provided first, that the Colborne Congregation be responsible for the student's salary of £200 a year, and that the Presbytery aid in raising the salary, if such aid be necessary.

Provided secondly, that Mr. Smith continue to take a pastoral supervision of the Colborne Congregation, dispense the sacraments, visit the sick, &c. when required, until a more regular state of things shall exist. There was also laid on the table, a petition praying that for the greater good of the three congregations the said resolutions be carried into effect. The Presbytery having heard parties, agreed to apply for a missionary, as desired, for six months, but on condition that the Colborne Congregation be wholly responsible for the salary.

Mr. McLeod and Mr. Riddell, elder, were appointed to visit Bethesda Church, and Alnwick.

JAS. BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

#### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton held its ordinary meeting there, on the 14th and 15th current. There was a good attendance of Ministers and Elders. The Elora case occupied the Presbytery for a considerable time. Mr. McGregor did not appear, owing, as he stated by letter, to professional engagements, but sent in a document stating his charges against Mr. Middlemiss, of preaching unsound doctrine. Mr. Middlemiss was heard at length in explanation, and read portions of his sermons objected to, and his explanations were perfectly satisfactory to the Presbytery. Mr. Charles Allan, Elder, and the Rev. Mr. Craigie, testified that they had never heard any complaints in the congregation against Mr. Middlemiss, on the score of unsound doctrine, and other members of Presbytery, who had on various occasions heard Mr. Middlemiss preach, corroborated Mr. Middlemiss' statements. The Presbytery declared their entire confidence in Mr. Middlemiss' soundness and efficiency as a preacher of the Gospel, but on the other hand, found much to blame in the conduct of Mr. McGregor, in reference to this matter, and resolved, before giving final judgment, again to cite him to appear before them at a meeting to be held on the 12th of May, at 2, P. M., at Hamilton, to shew cause why the Presbytery should not proceed to deal with him for his conduct.

Various Missionary Reports were received and appointments made, among which were the following:

Rev. Andrew McLean, of West Puslinch, and the Rev. D. McKuar, of Ayr, were appointed to visit Arthur and its adjuncts, on the 1st Sabbath of September, and Mount Forest and its adjuncts, the 2nd Sabbath of the same month. The pulpit at Ayr being supplied on the first Sabbath of September, by the Rev. Mr. McIndoe, and the 2nd Sabbath by the Rev. Mr. Geikie—and the pulpit at West Puslinch, on the first of these days, by Rev. Mr. Hodgkins, and the second by Rev. Samuel Young.

Rev. Alexander McLean, of East Puslinch, and Rev. David Inglis to visit Durham and its adjuncts, and Derby and Sullivan, on the 1st and 2nd Sabbaths of September. East Puslinch to be supplied on the 1st Sabbath by Rev. Mr. McAuley, and the 2nd by Rev. Alexander McLean, of Cumminsville, and McNab Street Church, Hamilton, 1st Sabbath by Rev. John Alexander, and the 2nd by Rev. Wm. Craigie.

Session Records were examined.

As several members were under the necessity of leaving, it was resolved to hold an adjourned meeting at Hamilton, and within Knox's Church there, on the 12th day of May next, at 2 o'clock, P. M., to take up the important matters still lying over, viz., the State of Religion, and the Overtures sent down to Presbyteries by the Synod, the Elora Case—the examination of Session Records not yet forwarded, viz., those of Galt, McNab Street Church, Hamilton, Ferguson, Cumminsville, Narin, Owen's Sound, Ayr, Nasagaweya, Paris, Wellesley and East Puslinch, and any other competent business.

M. Y. STARK, *Pres. Clerk.*

#### PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

This Presbytery met in Kingston on the 17th, 18th, and 19th March. Among other things, Sessions were enjoined to have representatives appointed for the Presbytery for a longer or shorter period, as they may see fit; and the Clerk was instructed, for the future, to record the names of absentees.

Mr. Wishart's trial pieces, with the exception of Exegesis, and Critical Exercise, were heard and sustained. He was examined also in Hebrew, Church History, and Theology; and the Presbytery agreed in the event of the remaining trial pieces being sustained, to proceed with his ordination as Pastor of Madoc Congregation on the first Tuesday of April.

Mr. Chambers was instructed to apply to the Home Mission Committee for one Missionary for the summer.

Messrs. Wilson, Chambers, and Stewart were appointed a Committee to engage a colporteur for the summer.

The overtures on congregational matters, and on the duties of Elders and Deacons were approved of, with some slight exceptions.

Much time was occupied in connection with the Presbyterial visitation of Chalmers' Church, Kingston.

Mr. Pearce's resignation of the pastoral charge of Chalmers' Church was accepted. The Presbytery agreed to record their sympathy with Mr. Pearce in the present state of his health, and with the congregation in being again deprived of a Pastor.

The Clerk was authorized to grant to Mr. Pearce a Presbyterial Certificate of his ministerial standing.

Mr. Wilson was appointed to preach in Chalmers' Church—to proclaim the act of Presbytery—to confer with the Session, and address the people on various subjects elicited in the Presbyterial visitation.

The next meeting was appointed to be held in Madoc, on the first Tuesday of April, at one o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM GREGG, *Presb. Clerk.*

#### PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

This Presbytery met at London on 7th April, and continued in session three days.

The following are some of the principal matters of business transacted.—The Rev. W. King was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Reports were received of the annual Missionary Meetings. It appeared that the whole amount raised for the Home Mission Fund at these meetings was £202 6s. 4d.

Quarterly financial returns were given in from all the congregations except North Easthope, Mitchell, Plympton, Amherstburg, and Sauguen.

A call, accompanied with a guarantee for £200 of stipend, from the congregation of Wardsville and Newbury, in favour of Rev. W. McLaren, was laid on the table. It was agreed to sustain the same, and to cite the congregation of Amherstburg to appear for their interests at a meeting of Presbytery, to be