

6. That the Committee be empowered to draw from the Assembly Fund to defray the necessary expenses of these negotiations—it being, however, distinctly understood, that no action be taken by the Committee, and no Funds of this Church appropriated for public prosecutions to enforce the civil law, this being left exclusively to the Associations whose formation is contemplated.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. B. SIMPSON, *Convener*.

[The above Report should have appeared in the appendix to the minutes of Assembly but was accidentally overlooked.]

Proceedings of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.—This Presbytery met at Osnabruock on Sept. 19th, and ordained the Rev. D. M. McIntyre, pastor of Osnabruock and Colquhoun settlement. Mr. Hastie presided and addressed the people; Mr. Douglas delivered the charge to the Minister, and in the absence of Mr. Taylor, who was unavoidably detained, Mr. Hastie preached. There was a large attendance, and the pastor received from the people a very hearty reception. Stipend promised \$650 per annum with manse and glebe, and payment to be made half yearly in advance.

In terms of a petition from Dunbar, Mr. McIntyre was appointed to moderate in a call there on Monday, 29th Sept., and a special meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Prescott on Oct. 1st. at 2 p. m., to sustain it.

Arrangements were made for the ordination of the Rev. E. D. MacLaren, M. A., B. D., as Missionary, at Merrickville, on Sept. 23rd, at 2.30 p. m. Mr. Traver to preside and deliver the charge to the Minister, Mr. Glendinning to preach, and Mr. Douglas to address the people.

J. HASTIE, *Pres. Clerk*.

THE PRESBYTERY OF COBourg.—A *pro re nata* meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 1st of September. A unanimous call from the congregations of Baltimore and Coldsprings, signed by 237 communicants and 104 adherents, in favor of Mr. A. W. McKay, of Cheltenham, in the Presbytery of Toronto, was laid on the table. The salary promised is \$900.00 per annum, with the use of a manse and glebe. The call was sustained and ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Toronto.

The Presbytery held its regular Quarterly meeting at Port Hope on the 9th of September.

The Committee appointed to regulate the assessment of congregations for the Assembly Fund, submitted a report which was adopted. Congregations were ordered to remit by the end of October to the Rev. Wm. Reid, Toronto, the sums for which they are severally assessed.

The Presbytery's H. M. Committee reported that in their opinion it will be desirable that each Minister and Session within the bounds be enjoined to arrange for the holding of Missionary Meetings in their several congregations, at such time and in such manner as may to them seem best. The Committee also strongly recommended that Ministers or Elders composing deputations, be instructed to bring before congregations the work of our own Church, as reported at last Assembly, or gleaned from other recent sources—dealing largely with established facts. And further, that deputations be advised to draw attention to the wider aspects of mission work throughout all the Churches; as well as to the duty of Christians to aid in the Lord's work. The report, with its recommendations was adopted.

Mr. Ewing gave a report as to the financial condition and prospects of the congregations of Fenelon Falls and Somerville. The report, was on the whole, of a favorable nature. The report was received, and in connection therewith the Presbytery proceeded to revise the list of Mission Stations and supplemented