

6. Who's the Presbytery are of opinion, that the obligation on members to contribute of their substance to the support of the gospel is an important element in the estimation of character, with the view either of granting privileges or certificates, (to effect at least of a recommendation of the duty) they are sorry that the Pastor and Elders should, on grounds which the Presbytery consider insufficient, as being connected exclusively with the question of Pastoral support, have refused Baptism, or a certificate, in a late case, but they are satisfied with the promise now made, that this matter shall be adjusted forthwith.

7. The Presbytery leave it to the Congregations and Trustees, to determine whether they shall support the ordinances of the gospel by means of subscriptions, seat rents, or collections; but they think that an annual subscription combined with an allocation of seats, and in addition, weekly collections, is, on the whole in this instance, the best plan; and they would recommend the quarterly payment of stipend in advance—also, in following out the recommendation of Synod as to the minimum of annual stipend, they would recommend to the congregations liberality in support of the ministry, and moreover, by every means in their power to seek to profit by the ministrations of their pastor, and to strengthen his hands.

Mr. Holmes and all the other parties acquiesced in this deliverance. The chair was then resumed by Dr. Burns, who, at the call of the Presbytery, addressed suitable admonitions and advice to all who had an interest in the proceedings—concluding with prayer.

Of the items of ordinary business, the following may be briefly noticed:—

Partial supply of vacant congregations and stations was fixed.

A letter from Rev. Mr. McTavish was read, containing a report relative to the state of matters in Brock and Reach, and suggesting some changes in the organization of the congregations in Brock, Reach, and Whitby, of which the Presbytery approved. The Committee formerly appointed to take supervision of Brock and Reach was continued, and its powers extended so as to attend to matters in Whitby also.

The brethren were reminded of the injunction of Synod, directing all contributions for Knox's College to be taken up during the months of January and February.

The Second Congregation, Toronto, through Rev. Mr. Reid, petitioned the Presbytery to moderate in a call to the Rev. Mr. Knox of Belfast, Ireland; the request was granted, and Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Messrs. Reid and Laing were appointed, with Presbyterial powers, to meet on Thursday Evening, in George Street Church, to moderate in the call, and to take the necessary steps for prosecuting it—Mr. Laing to preach on the occasion.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Toronto, on the last Tuesday of April, at eleven o'clock.

T. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery met at Peterboro', on the 23rd of January, 1856.

Mr. Donald Douglas appeared as deputy from Percy, and requested that the congregation there be regularly organized. There was at the same time read a letter from Mr. James Yule, to the effect, that at Alnwick, one of the stations joined to Percy, £16 had been subscribed for the support of Mr. Beattie. The Presbytery acceded to Mr. Douglas' request, and appointed Mr. McLeod to the duty.

A satisfactory financial report was received from Grafton and Colborne. The Presbytery regret to learn, that reports from Baltimore, Springville, and Darlington, are still wanting.

The following ministers were appointed to supply Grafton and Colborne, on the Sabbaths mentioned:—

February, 4th Sabbath ..	Mr. Blain.
March, 2nd "	Mr. Roger.
" 3rd "	Mr. Bowie.
April, 1st "	Mr. McLeod.
" 2nd "	Mr. McKenzie.

The missionary meetings of these congregations to be addressed by Messrs. Douglas, McLeod, and McKenzie.

Mr. Douglas reported that, along with Mr. Smith, he had attended a meeting of the Cartwright congregation, and that, agreeably to their advice, they had resolved to take steps immediately to have deacons. They likewise agreed to raise their minister's stipend to £130, and to pay that sum in half-yearly instalments. The Presbytery approved of the diligence of the committee, and were rejoiced to learn that the Cartwright congregation had so nobly agreed to act out their suggestions.

Seasonal Records were called for, and some were handed in. The Presbytery renew its injunction regarding these records, and agree that, in future, they be regularly called for at the meeting in May.

Two circular letters were read from the Clerk of the Presbytery of Hamilton, to the effect, that the Rev. Thomas G. Hodgkins of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., and the Rev. John Irvine, of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, U. S., had applied for admission into this Church.

Mr. Roger, as corresponding member of the Collego Committee, read a letter he had received from the Rev. Mr. Reid, calling the attention of the Presbytery to the Synod's regulations, that all contributions to Knox's College, should be sent during the months of January and February. Also, that as the fund was at present in debt, an immediate, and vigorous effort was demanded. The Presbytery resolve to use its utmost efforts to maintain the Collego, and direct Mr. Roger to write to the absent members, and to bring this matter under their notice.

There was produced a communication from the Bureau of Agriculture and Statistics, calling the attention of ministers to the supposed obligation upon them, to make certain returns as to Baptisms and Deaths. The Presbytery appointed Mr. Roger to correspond with the committee appointed by the Synod on this subject.

The Presbytery took up the subject of Mansees for ministers. The Presbytery were glad to learn that three congregations had already provided their ministers with mansees,—Cobourg, Grafton, and Darlington, and that two more were in progress,—Baltimore and Otonabee. The Clerk was instructed to write to the other congregations, that the matter might be brought before the deacon's courts.

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

JOHN BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

This Presbytery met at Kingston on the 30th January, and took up the subject of Mr. Rogers' resignation of the Demorestville charge. Mr. Chambers reported that he had preached in Demorestville, and presided at a congregational meeting, duly convened, at which resolutions were passed which he was commissioned to lay before the Presbytery. These resolutions expressed the deep regret of the congregation at Mr. Rogers' resignation, but stated that they did not mean to interpose any obstacles in the way of its being accepted.

After mature consideration, the Presbytery resolved to accept the resignation of Mr. Rogers; and at the same time to record their sense of the important services which he has rendered within their bounds, and more particularly, the fidelity

with which, in circumstances frequently discouraging, he has maintained the interests of Presbyterianism in the County of Prince Edward, for upwards of twenty years; and their regret at being deprived of his valuable counsels and co-operation.

Mr. Chambers was appointed to preach in Demorestville on an early day, and to announce to the congregation this act of Presbytery. He was also authorized to express to the congregation the sympathies of the Presbytery with them in the circumstances in which they are placed, and their resolution to furnish them with supplies of preaching as far as possible.

The Presbytery authorized any minister of their number, who may be officiating at Demorestville, to preside at meetings of the session, and Mr. Wilson was requested at as early a day as possible, to dispense the communion in this congregation.

Mr. Gregg was authorized to moderate in a call in the Congregations of Melrose and Roslin.

A letter was read from the clerk of Hamilton Presbytery announcing, that after taking the usual steps, they had resolved to apply to Synod for leave to receive as a minister of the Church, Mr. John Irvine, formerly minister of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of the United States.

The Moderator and clerk were then authorized to grant Mr. Chesnut a Presbyterial certificate.

Mr. Gordon stated that, from various reasons he had been obliged to defer his visit to Scotland till the spring, and requested testimonials from the Presbytery, which the Moderator and clerk were authorized to grant.

The Presbytery engaged in prayer commending Mr. Gordon to the care of the Great Head of the Church in view of his journey to Scotland.

Mr. Hume was appointed to preach in Ballinahinch and Storrington, from the 23rd March till the end of April.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Picton, on the fourth Tuesday (22nd) of April, on the evening of which day Mr. Pearce was appointed to preach in Picton.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

WILLIAM GREGG, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

This court held its ordinary meeting at Montreal, on the 23rd and 24th of January. There was a large attendance of the ministerial members. The principal items of business may briefly be stated as follows.—

Mr. Peter Currie, preacher of the gospel, delivered his trial discourses, and underwent examination at considerable length. The trials were sustained, and the ordination of Mr. Currie at Vankleek Hill, appointed to take place on the 19th February.

A petition from St. Sylvester was read, praying for moderation in a call to Mr. Scott of St. Eustache. It was deemed expedient to defer consideration of this request, till the Eastern Committee of Visitation shall have ascertained the state of the St. Sylvester congregation.

Mr. Fraser, as corresponding member of the Collego Committee, for this Presbytery, called attention to the duty of liberally supporting Knox's College, Toronto. It was unanimously agreed to attend to the instructions of the Synod in this matter, and raise contributions for the College in all the congregations, if possible, before the end of February.

Mr. Gordon brought under the notice of the Presbytery, the deliverance of last Synod, on the subject of Mansees. The clerk was instructed to draw up, and forward to congregations, a circular letter, based on the minute of Synod.

The attention of the court was turned to the Partial Draft of a Book of Discipline, lately published by a Committee of Synod, on which Pres-