

kip, in the Presbytery of Paris, was loosed from his charge of Port Dalhousie and Niagara in this Presbytery. The Presbytery recorded an expression of their regret at parting with Mr. McCuaig, and desire his happiness and success in his new field of labour.

Mr. Inglis gave notice that at next ordinary meeting he would move that Dr. Jno. Cairns, of Berwick-upon-Tweed, be nominated to the vacant chair of Apologetics and Exegetics in Knox College.

The Presbytery believe that there is an extensive field for missionary exertion in the Niagara District, and have appointed a committee to visit and ascertain the desires and wants of several congregations and stations, that at present are either isolated or inconveniently arranged, see what can be done to work them more efficiently, and report at next meeting.

A new congregation, consisting of about 30 persons, at Welland Port, has just been organized, it is believed with good prospects of success.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.—This Presbytery met at Columbus on the 12th of July.

A call from the congregation of Whitby to Mr. John M. Gibson was laid on the table. The call was unanimously sustained, and the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Gibson accordingly.

Mr. Riddell, as convener of the committee on the case of Mr. Peter Musgrave, reported that they had held repeated meetings with him, and had examined him on the various subjects provided for students before entering on their theological course, when they were highly satisfied with Mr. Musgrave's appearances. The Presbytery received the committee's report, discharged them from further responsibility in the matter, and remitted Mr. Musgrave to another committee for the examination of students who may propose attending Knox College. A committee was then appointed for this purpose consisting of Dr. Thornton convener, and Messrs. Baird, Smith, and Monteath; the said committee to meet at Oshawa on Monday the 30th of October next.

Mr. James Hubbert, a student of Knox College, was taken on public probationary trials. He went through the various exercises proscribed by Synod, afforded much satisfaction to the Presbytery, and in the ordinary way was licensed to preach the glorious Gospel of the blessed God.

Communications were received from Uxbridge and Leaskdale, and the following agreement was come to there anent, viz., that Mr. Smith be appointed to dispense the Lord's Supper in Uxbridge on the 1st Sabbath of August, or as soon thereafter as possible, and that Messrs. Baird and Heron be associated with him as a committee to hold a meeting at Leaskdale for the purpose of conferring with the two congregations regarding a matter of difference between them, the said meeting to be held on the Monday after the communion at Uxbridge.

On application made, Dr. Thornton was appointed to moderate in a call at Columbus and Brooklin.

CALVIN TERCENTENARY.

The following is the minute agreed to at the late meeting of Synod with reference to the Calvin tercentenary celebration:—

“The synod, having had its attention called to the recent demonstrations of respect for the memory of the illustrious Calvin, both on the part of those residing at the immediate seat of the labours of that Reformer; and of many churches or members of churches in Europe and America, embraces willingly the opportunity of evincing its sympathy with the feeling of veneration thus called forth in connection with the memory of so distinguished a servant of God, and one who was instrumental in so important a degree in the great Religious Reformation of the sixteenth century.

“The Synod without committing itself to an opinion on the propriety of observing anniversary or centenary celebrations of illustrious names, rejoices to declare its belief that the centuries that have revolved since the time of Calvin have proven, as they have rolled on, the wonderful measure of spiritual under-