

tend to the complete abolition of the liquor traffic would urge upon all Christian electors to embrace the privilege of casting their ballots in favor of total prohibition.

Mr. Craigie was appointed convener of the Committee on the State of Religion and Sessions were instructed to forward their reports to him.—J. GOURLAY.

Presbytery of Chatham.

THE Presbytery of Chatham met in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on Tuesday, December 12, at 10 a. m., Mr. McLaren, Moderator, in the chair. There was a large attendance of ministers but only a few elders. The minutes were read and confirmed. Mr. Becket reported for the committee appointed to visit certain stations in Dawn and was authorized to organize them into a Mission station to be called Bent Path. Duart session records were laid on the table, examined by a committee, reported on and ordered to be attested as carefully and correctly kept. The clerk was instructed to write to Sarnia Presbytery regarding a claim of \$33 for mission work in Dawn during the last summer, stating that as this Presbytery had not incurred the expense it would not be responsible for the amount. On motion, Dr. Battisby, of Chatham, was unanimously nominated as Moderator of the Synod of Hamilton and London at the next meeting. The Rev. John Somerville, M. A., of Owen Sound, was nominated as Moderator of next General Assembly. It was moved by Dr. Jamieson, seconded by Mr. McLean, and agreed that in view of the approaching Plebiscite this Presbytery desires to record itself in favor of Prohibition and urges the members and adherents within its bounds to cast their votes and use their influence in its favor. After discussion on the Assembly's remit re the appointment of Theological Professors in Colleges it was moved by Dr. Battersby, seconded by Mr. Croll, and unanimously agreed, that on the appointment of Professors to any of our Colleges no such appointments shall be made without the sanction and approval of the Presbyteries of the Church. Messrs. McLaren, Jamieson, McColl and Denholm were elected a central committee to receive reports from members of the Court on the proposed changes in the Psalter and Hymnal, and from these to make a report and recommendations to Presbytery at its next meeting, and that the time for the reception of reports from members of Presbytery be limited to the last Tuesday in February. Dr. Battisby, Mr. Croll, Mr. Beckett and Mr. Stone were appointed a committee to bring in a deliverance on the question of the extension of Synodical powers at next meeting of Presbytery. It was agreed that this Presbytery favors the representation of Mission Stations in Presbyteries. Mr. Nattress gave notice of motion to the effect that twice a year Presbytery hold an evening session when papers shall be read and discussed upon subjects prescribed by Assembly for conference and other subjects of interest and importance to the Church. It was agreed that the next meeting of Presbytery be held in First Church, Chatham, on the second Tuesday in March.—W. M. FLEMING, Clerk.

THE Presbytery of Chatham met *pro rata* in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, on Monday, 11th Dec., at 4 p. m., and inducted the Rev. J. C. Tolmie, B. A., formerly of First Church, Brantford, into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor. Besides the members of the Presbytery there were present Mr. Tolmie's friends, Messrs. Hutt, of Ingersoli, and Mr. Crawford of Nia-

gara Falls, and Messrs. Harkness, McDonald and Dickie of Detroit, Canon Hencks of Windsor and Messrs. Ghent and Goodwin of Walkerville. After the induction the ladies of the congregation invited the ministers present and the members of the church to the school-room where an excellent supper was partaken of. In the evening a public meeting was held with Mr. Fleming, of Essex, in the chair, when speeches by Messrs. Hutt, Crawford, Nattress, E. O. Fleming, Mayor of Windsor, and Alex. Bartlett were delivered, interspersed with music by local talent. The whole of the proceedings were of an interesting nature and will not soon be forgotten by those that heard them. Mr. Tolmie begins his career in Windsor under very favorable circumstances and we predict for him a prosperous pastorate.

Presbytery of Kingston.

THE Presbytery of Kingston held its regular meeting in St. Andrew's church, Belleville, on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 19. The attendance was small, but a good deal of business was transacted. Rev. J. L. George, M. A., of John street church, Belleville, was appointed moderator for the ensuing six months. The usual routine business, such as examination of session records, was attended to. Reports were received from those appointed to visit augmented congregations, and from some of those who had been appointed to visit mission fields within the bounds and dispense ordinances. A committee was appointed to consider and report to next meeting of Presbytery as to the best means of checking the evil of irregular attendance upon the part of some members of Presbytery. The committee appointed at last meeting of Presbytery to consider and report as to the best means for stirring up an increased interest in the general schemes of the Church, whether by the holding of missionary meetings or otherwise, submitted their report which, with its several recommendations was adopted as follows:

1. Increased circulation of the *Record*, the official organ of our Church.
2. Frequent reference to the great subject of missionary work in the pulpit ministrations.
3. Occasional exchange of pulpits by pastors of contiguous charges.
4. The issuing of an annual pastoral on the subject of missions, to be read from all our pulpits on two consecutive Sabbaths.
5. The placing of a number of volumes of the best missionary biography in all our Sabbath-School libraries.
6. The securing addresses as often as may be convenient by those who have had practical experience in home and foreign mission work.
7. The holding of an occasional Missionary Institute such as took place recently in Central and Knox Churches, Galt, Ont.
8. The setting apart of a special day of prayer, when this subject shall be the burden of petition.

The members of the Presbytery were instructed to carry out the foregoing recommendations as far as possible.

The Presbytery took into consideration the remit from the Assembly with regard to mission stations being represented in the Church courts, and expressed approval of the proposed change in the law, provided that the limitation of Section — of the Book of Rules, etc., be applied so as to group the sessions of the charge under one missionary for purpose of such representation. Attention was called to the indefinite one in the addendum to the proceedings of last General Assembly, and the Presbytery recorded its opinion that it is not competent for a Presby-

tery to appoint to act as an assessor with others in a Kirk Session anyone who has not been regularly ordained to the eldership, although one so ordained, though for the time being not an acting elder, may be so appointed.

The Presbytery also considered the remit anent enlarging the powers of synods, and expressed approval of the principle involved, complaining, however, of the indefinite terms in which the remit is sent down to Presbyteries, inasmuch as all cases of complaint and appeal may in a sense be said to involve doctrine or polity. The Presbytery suggests that a comprehensive scheme for rendering the Synods more practically useful by assigning to them jurisdiction in many matters which now lie under the direct jurisdiction of the Assembly, but which, being of a local interest or mere matter of detail, might more profitably be assigned to the inferior judicatories and thus relieve the Assembly of much of the work with which it is now burdened, be drafted and sent down to the Presbyteries for their consideration.

It was agreed to hold an adjourned meeting of Presbytery in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1894, at 3 p. m., for the consideration of the remits on the Relation of Colleges to the Church, and on Proposed Changes in the Hymnal, etc., as well as for other competent business. The consideration of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was also deferred to the adjourned meeting.

The following resolution was passed with reference to the present position of the temperance question:

WHEREAS the evil of intemperance has been frequently alluded to in the deliberations of the Court of our Church, and

WHEREAS the evil has been frequently condemned as contrary to the Word of God and the spirit of the Christian religion, and

WHEREAS the office-bearers and members of our Church have been enjoined to use every legitimate means to effect its overthrow, therefore

Resolved, That we, the Presbytery of Kingston, in regular session convened, express our hearty sympathy with the movement now in progress looking to the total suppression of the liquor traffic; that we earnestly call the attention of all the members of the Church, and especially the office-bearers subject to our jurisdiction, to the deliverances of the General Assembly on the subject, and would press upon the attention of all members and adherents of the Church throughout our bounds the importance of declaring by their ballots on Jan. 1, 1894, their desire that the total prohibition of the liquor traffic should take place.

With regard to certain arrears alleged to be due student missionaries from certain mission fields within the bounds, the Conveners of Presbytery Home Mission Committee was instructed, on being satisfied of the correctness of such claims, to pay them *pro rata* as far as funds in his hands available for the purpose would permit, and to bring the matter again before the Presbytery at the adjourned meeting in Kingston, when reports from all who have labored in the mission fields of the Presbytery will be called for.

The Convener of the Home Missionary Committee was also instructed to arrange, if possible, for the transfer of Rev. J. McIlroy from the Poland Mission Field to the North Hastings district as a colleague there with Rev. George Porteous. Matters concerning Matawatchan, Sharbot Lake, etc., were remitted to the Presbytery Home Mission Committee.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's, Kingston, on Jan. 23, 1894, at 3 p. m. — Wm. THOS. WILKINS, Clerk.