

work in his congregation. He stated that the office bearers of the congregation concurred with himself in the opinion that the services of a colleague—an assistant and successor—should be procured. Mr. Wm. Hall was also heard, making a statement to the same effect. A resolution was then adopted unanimously, expressing the Presbytery's deep sympathy with Mr. Roger in his state of impaired health, and their great esteem and affection for himself personally and as a minister of the Gospel and a co-presbyter; also expressing approbation of the arrangements contemplated, and inviting the congregation to appear for their interests in the matter at an early meeting of Presbytery. The next regular meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Port Hope, on Tuesday, the 30th of March at 2 p.m. A conference on the state of religion was held in the evening. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Douglas, McKay, and Donald. Messrs. Roger, Bennett, Sutherland, and McLennan of Peterboro', took part in the exercises.

W. DONALD, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—A meeting of this Presbytery was held, in the usual place, on the 2d and 3d of February. Mr. Alexander, Moderator. Present, with him, twenty-two ministers and six elders. A call from the congregation of Cheltenham and Mount Pleasant, to Mr. E. D. McLaren, A.M., B.D., missionary at Merrickville, in the Presbytery of Brockville, was reported by Mr. Pringle; salary offered, \$800, with manse and half an acre of ground. The call was sustained; and Mr. Pringle was appointed to prosecute the same, along with the commissioners appointed by the congregation, viz., Messrs. Henderson, Laidlaw, and McKinney. A call from the congregation of Charles Street, Toronto, to Mr. R. D. Fraser, of Cookstown, &c., in the Presbytery of Simcoe, was reported by Mr. Reid; salary promised in the meantime, \$1,600. This call was also sustained; and Mr. King was appointed to prosecute the same, together with Mr. Reid and Mr. James Brown, commissioners from the congregation. An application was read from twenty-one persons residing in Shelburne, praying the Presbytery to organize them as a congregation in connection therewith. After hearing commissioners, it was moved by Principal Caven, and agreed, to grant supply of preaching at once, and to appoint a committee, consisting of Messrs. Cameron, Carrick and McFaul, who shall correspond with the Presbyteries of Guelph and Simcoe respecting the question of territory; also make all necessary enquiries, and report to next meeting. The call from Chalmers' church congregation, Montreal, to Mr. Burnfield, of Scarborough, was considered at length. After commissioners were heard, Mr. Burnfield expressed his conviction that he ought to remain in his present charge, and accordingly the Presbytery refused the translation. A petition was read from fifty-two persons, residing in Woodbridge and its neighbourhood, applying to be organized as a congregation. The clerk was instructed to notify the Sessions of Vaughan and Weston of this petition, with request that they report at next meeting; and Messrs. Pettigrew and Nicol were requested to continue the services at Woolbridge they had commendably rendered already. Another petition to be congregated was read from seventy-five persons at Queensville, Ravenshoe, and thereabouts. The petition was complied with, and Prof. McLaren was appointed to congregate, and requested also to exercise a general oversight of the petitioners. On motion made by Dr. Topp, the Presbytery agreed to nominate Principal Caven as Moderator of the next meeting of the General Assembly. It was also agreed that Sessions be enjoined to report to next meeting on the state of religion within their bounds, and that a committee be appointed to summarize said reports for next meeting of the District Synod. There being a goodly number of Presbyterian students at the Normal School who wish to receive religious instruction, the ministers of the city were appointed as a committee (Mr. Robb, convener,) to take charge of this matter. In connection with a letter from a church member at Brockton, it was moved by Mr. Cameron, and agreed, that a committee for church extension in Toronto and its neighbourhood be organized, to consist of the city ministers, together with an elder and a deacon, or manager, nominated