

powers of darkness. Marshallled, then, as an army, under the leadership of the great Captain of our Salvation, we should provoke one another to love and to good works; and to this end we write. So, that cheered and animated by the same spirit, and cherishing the same joyous anticipations, we may bear each our humble part in extending the Kingdom of our blessed Redeemer, and hastening the coming of that glorious day, when the *isles* and the solitary places shall be glad, the wilderness rejoice and blossom as the rose, and all the ends of the earth see the Salvation of our God.

Signed, on behalf of the Students.

THOS. RITCHIE.  
GEO. CHRYSTAL.  
ALEXANDER MACLAREN.  
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Knox College, Toronto, 1st Dec., 1868.

### **Proceedings of Presbyteries.**

**PRESBYTERY OF COBBOURG.**—This Presbytery met at Port Hope on the 10th Dec. There were present seven ministers and one elder. The Rev. J. M. Roger, M.A., was appointed Moderator, pro tem. The minutes of the *pro re natus* meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Laing reported that he had cited the congregation at Port Hope, in accordance with the appointment of Presbytery. The conduct of Mr. Laing was approved. Mr. Laing was appointed to act as Clerk *pro tempore*.

The Clerk laid on the table a paper from the Presbytery of Stratford, which was read. The call from St. Mary's was put into the hands of Mr. Waters. Compared for the Presbytery of Stratford, the Rev. A. A. Drummond; for the congregation of St. Mary's, Mr. D. Swanson; and for the session, Mr. M. Laughton. Also compared for the congregation of Port Hope, Messrs. George Lyall and Mr. D. Chisholm, and for the session Mr. Wm. Anderson. The papers in the case were then read, also an extract minute of the Kirk Session at Port Hope, appointing Mr. W. Anderson, and a copy of resolutions from the congregation at Port Hope, adopted at a meeting held on Dec. 3rd, at which Messrs. Lyall and Chisholm were appointed to represent the congregation.

After hearing all parties, Mr. Waters then addressed the Presbytery, stating in effect that he thought it was his duty to accept the call from the congregation of St. Mary's.

It was then moved by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. MacWilliam, and carried—"The Presbytery resolve that Mr. Waters be translated from his present charge at Port Hope and transferred to the care of the Presbytery of Stratford, that he may be inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Mary's."

Parties were recalled, and all intimated their acquiescence in the above decision.

Mr. Drummond craved extracts on behalf of the Presbytery of Stratford.

The Presbytery agreed to record their deep sympathy with the congregation at Port Hope, in this fresh trial of faith, and promise in every way in their power to aid them in their present circumstances.

It was further agreed that the connection of Mr. Waters with the Port Hope congregation shall end with the current year, and that Mr. Laing be appointed to preach at Port Hope, on Sabbath, the 3rd January, 1869, and declare the pulpit vacant, and remit to the H. M. C. of the Presbytery to make arrangements for the supply of the pulpit after that date.

Messrs. Laing and Duncan were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable minute in reference to Mr. Waters.