

be taken of favourable circumstances that may occur, Mr. Wilson was authorized to moderate in a call, when requested by the managers of the congregations.

Communications were received from the Colonial Committee of Free Church, Scotland, in reference to the lamented death of their Convener, the late Dr. John Bonar. Messrs. Gordon and McLaren were requested to draft a minute expression of the Presbytery's sense of loss sustained in the death of Dr. Bonar, and which might also serve as a fraternal and sympathetic response to the Colonial Committee. A minute was accordingly prepared to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, and a copy of it was ordered to be transmitted to Edinburgh.

Dr. Mair, Secretary of the Kingston Sabbath Reformation Society, was introduced, and addressed the Presbytery: after which it was resolved to record cordial approval of the Society in its efforts to stay the desecration, and to promote the better observance of the Lord's day, and to give all aid and encouragement to this good work.

Mr. Caven, student of Divinity made application to be taken on trials for license. Mr. Caven having been hindered from attendance in person, was directed to appear before the next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Wilson introduced Mr. John Murdoch, an estimable young member of his congregation, proposing to commence studies with a view to the Gospel ministry. The Presbytery after conversation with Mr. Murdoch on his religious knowledge and experience, and his motives for taking this step, cordially approved his intention, and invited him to appear before them from time to time for examination and counsel.

The Presbytery, after the examination of Mr. Wm. Reeve, student under their care, resolved to bring his case with all its circumstances to the notice of Synod, in order to obtain instructions in reference to their further procedure, having in view the licensing of Mr. Reeve to preach the Gospel with the sanction of the higher court.

The Home Mission Committee reported on the state and requirements of the various stations. The treasurer, Mr. Wilson, submitted also the financial report for the past year. Both reports were approved, the thanks of the Presbytery were given to Mr. Wilson for his diligence and assiduity as Convener and Treasurer, and the Committee was reappointed and instructed to use their best discretion in the arrangements and management of the Home Mission business as formerly.

The Presbytery, after mature consideration of the matters remitted by the Synod, resolved:—

1. To disapprove of the proposed amendment of the "7th clause, Act anent Union of Churches."
2. To approve generally, some modifications of details being suggested, of the "Draft Act for the Constitution of a General Assembly, etc."
3. To approve of the "Overture on Standing Orders."
4. And to postpone the consideration of the question about "The Right of Voting etc," *sine die*.

The Session records of Chalmers' Church, and Brock st. Church, Kingston, and of Belleville and Storrington, were given in, and attested as correctly kept. Remaining Session Records were ordered to be produced at the next meeting.

Mr. Donald McKenzie, minister at Zorra, was nominated as a fit and proper person to fill the office of Moderator at the ensuing meeting of Synod.

Mr. A. Wilson, minister, and Mr. Stinson, elder, were nominated to be members of the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures.

P. GRAY, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met in Central Church, Hamilton, on the 12th day of April.

The Presbytery adopted appropriate notices of the death of Rev. James Findlay, minister of Waterdown and Wellington Square, of the Rev. Mr. McAulay of Nassagaweya, a member of the late Presbytery of Hamilton of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and of Dr. John Bonar, for many years convener of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland.

The Presbytery agreed to apply to the Synod for leave to admit to the Church, the Rev. Leonard McGlashan, of the N.S. Presbyterian Church, and accepted the Rev. Alexander McGlashan's resignation of the charge of the congregations of both Pelham and St. Ann's.

The Presbytery adopted the overture on printing certain papers intended to be brought before the Synod, with the exception of the last clause, relating to the case of parties unable to bear the expense; and rejected the overture on certain standing