

Proceedings of Presbyteries.

ONTARIO PRESBYTERY.—This Presbytery met at Port Perry on 8th September. There was a very full attendance of ministers; but the farmers being much occupied, there were but few elders. After many diminutions from removal of ministers to other localities, the vacancies in the bounds are once more nearly filled. That of Cannington and Manilla was filled up on 2nd September by the settlement of Mr. John Campbell, lately licensed by the Presbytery; and there was a unanimous call from Ashburn and Utica before the court yesterday in favour of Rev. Walter M. Roger, which was sustained, and it is hoped may be accepted. The people there are making an effort to advance, now offering a stipend of \$750, with a manse. Additional arrangements were made for the induction of Mr. Roger, should he accept the call. Considerable time was occupied with the consideration of the report of a committee which had been appointed to consider whether any and what means could be adopted for awakening greater interest in the minds of the people in the mission schemes of the Church. The Presbytery, in common it is believed with many more, have long had cause to regret that the annual missionary meetings within the bounds have been so poorly attended compared with the membership in the several localities, and that the labour and travel of those addressing had been often apparently in vain. Some members were in favour of giving up these annual meetings, and to employ the more ordinary pulpit ministrations in order to quicken interest in missionary effort, while all were agreed to drop the week-day missionary meeting. It was resolved to continue missionary meetings. The result of the Court's deliberation on the subject may be stated generally as follows: It was resolved to continue meetings for the general advocacy of missionary effort, and report the same to the Presbytery, when each pastor and representative elder shall report the means taken to advance the cause of missions in the congregation they represent. Each pastor was recommended to preach frequently on the subject of missions, and to hold the meetings, if judged best, on the Sabbath. It was further agreed that one sederunt of the meeting of the Presbytery, following the holding of the annual meetings, be devoted to the subject of missions. A Committee on the Statistics of Presbytery was also appointed, with a special view to the advancement of interest and contributions to missionary purposes. This committee consists of Messrs. Edmondson and Ballantyne, ministers, and J. Ratcliff, Esq., elder. Arrangements were made for the dispensation of the Lord's Supper in Sunderland and Vroomanton about the end of this month, as most convenient to Mr. Cockburn, who is to attend to that duty. Mr. Pantou, of Lindsay, applied in behalf of his congregation for liberty to mortgage their manse lot for the sum of \$400, which was granted. Considerable time was spent in the consideration of the state of the mission-field in the north; Mr. Scott, who has the superintendence of it, gave an account of the different stations, particularly the necessity of church accommodation in some cases, and the difficulty of obtaining means of building, the settlers having not only little ability, but being still weak in point of numbers. Special attention was turned to the station on Victoria Road, where there will be a junction of the Nipissing, and another leading line crossing it, and where the population is certain to increase. It was recommended to the committee having, with Mr. Scott, the oversight of the mission, to correspond with members in the front, to ascertain whether some aid cannot be extended to these places in erecting more convenient places for worship, so essential to the prosperity of the cause. It was suggested also that some aid might be obtained by enlisting the interest of Sunday Schools in the matter. The Rev. Archibald Cross, of Newton and Newcastle, tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge, giving at the same time reasons for the step taken. After conference upon the case, the following motion by Mr. Thom, seconded by Dr. Thornton, was unanimously adopted, viz.:—"That the sessions of Newton and Newcastle be cited to appear for their interest at the next meeting of Presbytery, and that a committee be appointed to visit the congrega-