

in the Congregations of Ballinahinch and Storington. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Kingston on the first Wednesday of Sept., at 3 o'clock P.M.

WILLIAM GREGG, *Pres. Clerk*

### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton, took place within Knox's Church on the 8th and 9th inst., when there was a considerable attendance of Ministers and several Elders. The routine business was important in itself, but not of sufficient general interest to occupy space in the *Record*.

Mr. Cuthbertson and John McMillan, passed their probationary trials in a very satisfactory manner, and were licensed to preach the Gospel.

The Home Mission arrangements occupied a considerable portion of the time of the Presbytery. It was felt that some steps were necessary to secure a more prompt attention of Missionaries to the appointments of the Synod's Home Mission Committee, and that they report themselves, as soon as they come within the bounds of the Presbytery, to the Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee.

Dr. Burns addressed the Presbytery on the subject of the College Buildings, and a Committee was appointed to assist him in making arrangements for visiting the different congregations and stations within the bounds, to solicit contributions towards that very essential object.

The Session Records of such congregations as have neglected to send them forward, are enjoined to be sent forward to next ordinary meeting. It is requested, that Ministers see that this injunction is attended to.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held at Hamilton, and within Knox's Church, there, on Tuesday the 30th Sept., at 2 o'clock P.M., in order that students might present themselves for examination, previous to the opening of the College Session.

M. Y. STARK, *Pres. Clerk*.

### PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery met at Cobourg, on Monday the 9th day of June. The Presbytery having reason to believe that mis-apprehension exists on the part of some adherents in regard to the law of the church on marriage with a deceased wife's sister, and that it is desirable that it be clearly known, appoint Messrs. McKenzie and Bowie to prepare an overture to the Synod, craving a declaration of its mind on that subject.

The clerk reported that he had written to the Kingston Presbytery, as instructed, regarding the application from Conseccon to be united to Trenton, but as yet had received no reply. Mr. Thomson stated, that the Murray Congregation had been regularly cited, that a congregational meeting had been held, and that, by request, he laid on the table the resolution of the said meeting, which was, "that they were glad to learn that there was a prospect of Presbyterian worship being permanently established in their neighbourhood, by the union of Trenton and Conseccon, and that it was their opinion that the Murray station should still be continued in connexion with Trenton, on condition that they get monthly supply, or as often as may warrant the Presbytery in deciding upon." It was agreed accordingly, that Mr. Thomson preach monthly at Murray, and that he devote the rest of his time between Trenton and Conseccon.

A letter was read from the Rev. Robert Boag, tendering his resignation of Cartwright and Manvers, on account of certain alleged difficulties. The Presbytery delayed consideration till another meeting.

There were two meetings of Presbytery held

during the Synod at London. The following are the chief items of business which were transacted at them:—

Mr. John Smith submitted an overture on separate schools, of which notice had been given at a former meeting, and which it was agreed to transmit to the Synod.

The Rev. Mr. Gregg, being present, reported that he had received a letter from this Presbytery anent the Conseccon station, and that it was agreeable to the Kingston Presbytery, that Trenton and Conseccon be united. He also proposed, in the name of the Kingston Presbytery, that these Congregations be connected with that Presbytery. The Presbytery, who sorry to part with Mr. Thomson, nevertheless, agreed to the proposed arrangement, for the greater ease and convenience of Mr. Thomson in attending meetings of Presbytery.

The Presbytery again met at Cobourg on the 2nd Tuesday of July.

The Presbytery took up the resignation of the Rev. Robert Boag, when it was agreed to cite the Session and Congregation to appear at next meeting.

Professor Young, being present, as deputy from the College Committee, gave a statement as to what had been done in the securing of premises for Knox's College, and from which it appeared, that, to render the buildings obtained suitable for College purposes, alterations costing £1200 would require to be made, and that as a contract for them had been entered into, that sum would require to be raised immediately. He was also anxious that the entire debt upon the College should be wiped away, and it freed from all encumbrances of that kind. The Presbytery agreed to do their best to forward the wishes of the College Committee, and appointed a deputation to visit the several congregations, that funds might be raised.

It was found that the Session records of six of the Congregations had not been produced, as required by the Presbytery, and instructions were renewed to have them produced.

Mr. Chesnut was appointed to preach at the Plains, July 27th, and Aug. 3rd; at Percy, Aug. 10th, and 17; at Cartwright, Aug. 24, and 31st.

Mr. Tait was appointed to succeed Mr. Chesnut at the Plains, but to preach at Percy, one of the Sabbaths, he is at Cartwright.

Mr. Thomson was requested to preach at Murray once in the two months, and the Missionary at Percy, it was agreed, should do the same, thus giving the Murray congregation monthly supply.

The next meeting was appointed to be held at Peterboro', on the 4th Tuesday of August, at 11 A.M.

JAMES BOWIE.

*Presbytery Clerk.*

### COLLEGE REPORT.

In presenting their Report for the year your Committee may be expected to advert to the change which has occurred since last meeting of Synod, by the transference of the seat of study to Elmsley House. We believe that the transaction which was gone into for the purchase of that building and the adjacent ground, has met with general approval. A departure from the noisy, and now altogether unsuitable locality in Front Street, had become necessary; and the premises recently secured, if not possessing all the adaptations of a new structure, has the advantage of providing, at once, accommodation for the lodging of Students, in combination with a retired and very healthful position. The site chosen is also most eligible by its proximity to the University College, at which so many of the Students attend for the sake of their preliminary education. The far greater number of the young men reside, as before, under one common roof. A certain proportion provide themselves with

lodging elsewhere, but the advantages of such a central domestic establishment are so appreciated by the Students generally that your Committee do not hesitate to recommend such additions to be made in the building as may provide for the accommodation of a larger number of inmates; and suggestions with this view will be submitted by the Building Committee of the Synod. It must be manifest to all that the comforts of a home during their winter terms of study cannot be easily found in the more private or dispersed system, at a rate suited to the means of our young men, and it was satisfactory to the Committee to be able, though not without relief from the Bursary fund, to arrange with the head of the College Boarding House, for terms of admission that may be regarded as economical in these times. They had they drew upon, for this purpose, to the extent of one hundred pounds.

Passing from more external matters to the state of the Seminary itself and the business of the late Session, it may be mentioned that the number enrolled in all the classes amounted to fifty-six, including Theological Students, proper and a larger proportion in the under-graduate list. A few are also included, who as yet attend only on classes at the University College, though announcing themselves prospectively as Theological Students of Knox's College.

The arrangements of the classes, and the distribution of the work of teaching, are known to many of the members of the Synod, very full information on these particulars having been given through the *Record*, so generally read by the ministers and congregations. It may be stated however, for the information of all, that in the preliminary classes superintended by Mr. Smith, the students were exercised in English Grammar, and grounded in the Latin and Greek languages and Mathematics. Professor Young conducted the third year's students in the study of Logic and Metaphysics; and the students of the fourth year, or first year of Divinity course, in the department of the evidences of Revealed Religion. The Divinity Class, in the two latter years of the six years' course, were conducted by Dr. Willis over the field of Systematic Theology. He also superintended the studies in Biblical Criticism, and Hermeneutics, and in Church History (as to the Text books, &c., several particulars in the Report being already published in the *Record* for February last, are omitted here.)

It is only necessary to advert to the great variety of duties assigned to each Professor to make manifest the necessity for some addition to the professorial staff, as soon as means shall be found for it. The existing Professors undertake for so multifarious a charge, only while no other provision is made; but the Committee continue to anticipate as highly desirable the circumscribing of the duties of each chair—acting not more reasonably towards the Teachers in respect of their comfort, than in respect of their efficiency, or their power of concentrating their energies on their special departments.

The result of the Session, of most immediate interest to the Church, is, that eight students are reported to have finished their curriculum, and have been certified to their respective Presbyteries to be taken on the usual trials for license; and, that, in addition to these, the services of twenty students as Catechists, have been placed at the disposal of the Home Mission for the present summer.

One student, recently from Scotland, had joined the senior Theology class, with the view of completing his course, which he had been prosecuting at Edinburgh, but had to leave College, early in the Session, from indisposition. The delicate constitution of another, who, after an interruption of some years, had thought of resuming his studies at our Institution, was found not to admit of his close application to the work on which his heart was bent. With these excep-