

meeting of Presbytery, be required to send to that or the subsequent meeting, a written statement of their reasons of absence, and those finding it necessary to leave the court, before the close of the business, shall be required first to obtain leave of the Moderator."

After some discussion it was also agreed, that the ordinary meetings of Presbytery shall in future be held alternatively at Paris and Woodstock.

The Clerk read a circular letter from the Presbytery of Cobourg, anent an application from the Rev. A. C. Stewart to be received as a minister of the Church, and was instructed to communicate the deliverance of the Presbytery in the case to the Presbytery of Cobourg.

The financial condition of Zion Church, Brantford, being brought under notice of the Presbytery, the following deliverance was unanimously agreed to, viz.: "Commissioners from the congregation of Zion Church, Brantford, having been heard relative to the pecuniary circumstances, from which it appears, that there is upon the congregation a very heavy debt of \$9,000 of which about \$5,000 may be regarded as specially burdensome, from its being received from the Bank on Notes payable every three months, and consequently peculiarly injurious to the interests of the congregation. The Presbytery after fully considering the whole state of the case, and especially the peculiar trials through which the congregation has passed, from the withdrawal of their Pastor from the Presbyterian Church, and the subsequent proceedings of that gentleman, feels that the congregation has peculiar claims upon the liberality of the Church at large, and would most strongly and affectionately recommend their appeal to the enlightened liberality of the friends of Presbyterianism in the Province, and the hereby appoint the Rev. Messrs. McRuer, Irving, and Tolmie as Commissioners, with a view of giving effect to the resolution.

Having appointed a special meeting at Woodstock, on the 30th current, to dispose of some matters not ripe for the present meeting, and having made arrangements for a series of Missionary meetings in the various congregations within the bounds, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Knox's Church, Woodstock, on the First Tuesday in March, at 2 o'clock p.m.

JOHN GILLESPIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto on the 5th November, it was resolved that Missionary Meetings should be held in all the congregations and stations within the bounds of the Presbytery; for which purpose the Home Mission Committee was instructed to prepare a division of the Presbytery into convenient districts.

At these meetings it is expected that the deputations will bring fully before the congregations the Missionary operations upon which the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church has resolved to enter—particularly the Home Missionary work, which the Church must prosecute to the full extent of its ability.

It was also recommended by the Presbytery that the collections required by the Synod for Home Mission purposes, be taken up either at the Missionary Meetings or on the Sabbath immediately following, except in such congregations as have Societies in operation for collecting funds for missionary objects.

The committee recommend the following division of the Presbytery, and they trust that the various members of Presbytery may (if possible,) be prepared to report the results of their Meetings to the Presbytery in February.

- Toronto*, Knox's Church; Mr. Topp, Mr. Gregg, Dr. Jennings; Monday, 20th Jan.
 " Bay Street, Dr. Jennings, Mr. Topp, Mr. Gregg; Tuesday, 21st Jan.
 " Cooke's Church; Mr. Gregg, Dr. Jennings, Mr. Topp, Mr. Fletcher; Wednesday, 22nd Jan.
 " Gould Street; Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Gregg; Thursday, 23rd Jan.
 " West Church; Mr. Topp, Dr. Willis, Mr. Reid, Thursday, 30th January.
Scarborough, Melville Church; Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Straus; Monday, 6th Jan., 2 p.m.
 " Knox's Church; Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Straus; Monday 6th January, Evening.