

cover and remove the causes of misunderstanding between them and the Lakevale congregation. The committee further reported that Springville desired to remain united with Lakevale; but that they were willing, if that connection was dissolved, either to unite with Bethany, or to be set off as a separate congregation, aided by a moderate grant from the Home Mission Fund. The committee reported also that they had attempted, though without success, to effect a meeting with the Lakevale congregation. Two commissioners from that congregation appeared before the Presbytery, and stated that they had unanimously resolved to adhere to their petition to be disjoined from Springville, and to be placed under the pastoral charge of Mr. Ewing. At this stage of the proceedings, Mr. Ewing requested to be permitted to tender his resignation of the Bethany part of his congregation. The request was granted, and delegates from the different branches of Mr. Ewing's charge were heard. After a lengthened discussion, it was agreed that the congregation of Lakevale be disjoined from that of Springville, and be placed under the charge of Mr. Ewing. It was farther resolved that Mr. Ewing's resignation of Bethany lie on the table, and that the congregations affected by the resignation be cited to appear at next meeting of Presbytery.

Messrs. Murray and Paterson, who had been appointed to visit the mission fields of Minden and Haliburton, with authority to moderate in a call at Haliburton, gave in a report of their visit, and laid on the table a call from the congregation of the latter place in favor of Mr. Wm. Reeve. The call, which was unanimous, and numerously signed, was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted to Mr. Reeve, to whom the Moderator and Clerk were authorized to prescribe trials for ordination in the event of his signifying his acceptance of the call, before the next meeting of Presbytery.

The committee appointed to visit Percy and Campbellford, in connection with the financial condition of the congregations of those places, reported that they had visited Percy with satisfactory results, but that they had not gone to Campbellford. The committee was re-appointed, with instructions to visit the congregation of the latter place at their earliest convenience.

The Rev. Thos. Alexander, of Percy, gave in his resignation of his pastoral charge, in accordance with an intimation previously given. Two commissioners from the congregation appeared, and stated that at a congregational meeting, it had been resolved that no opposition to the acceptance of the resignation should be offered by them. It was agreed to accept the resignation, to instruct the Clerk to make application, in behalf of the retiring minister, for a grant from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and to appoint a committee to draw up a suitable minute respecting Mr. Alexander.

The committee appointed to prepare a plan of assessment for the Presbytery and Synod Funds, submitted a report, which was adopted.

The following minute respecting Mr. Laing, was adopted unanimously.

"The Presbytery in releasing their brother, the Rev. John Laing, from his charge, according to the instructions of the General Assembly, desire to record their high sense of the zeal and ability with which for nearly twelve years he has discharged the duties of the pastorate in Cobourg. By his energy and excellent business capacity, by his untiring enthusiasm among his flock, and for the Church at large, and especially, by his genial obliging disposition, and uniform kindness, he has much endeared himself to the brethren of this Presbytery. It is their hope and prayer that he may be abundantly successful in the prosecution of the important work to which he has been called by the Supreme Court of the church, and that he and his may be richly blessed in all that God may give them to do.

"The Presbytery would also express their deep sympathy with the congregation of Cobourg in the heavy trial to which they have been subjected by the removal of a pastor so greatly and so justly loved and esteemed."

A Home Mission Committee for the Presbytery, consisting of Messrs. Murray and Donald, ministers, and Mr. Hassock, elder, was appointed, with authority to make what arrangements they could to send a missionary to Minden.