

Mr. Anderson, of Lancaster, was elected moderator for the ensuing twelve months.

A scheme of Presbyterial visitation was considered and adopted.

A call from the congregation of Winslow, to the Rev. E. McLean, ordained missionary, duly moderated in, was sustained. Mr. McLean having signified his acceptance by letter, his induction was appointed to take place on the 29th August. Mr. Cameron, of Lochiel, to preach and preside.

The Presbytery learning, with regret and sympathy, the continued illness of Mr. Gordon, appointed Messrs. Anderson, Cameron, and Campbell, each to give one Sabbath's supply at Indian Lands.

Mr. Crombie, of Laguerre, was appointed assessor to the kirk-session of St. Louis de Gonzague, in a case of difficulty.

D. FRASER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The Presbytery of Cobourg met at Trenton, on Wednesday, July 25th.

The Rev. James Bowie was appointed clerk. The Rev. W. Gregg of Belleville, and the Rev. J. W. Chesnut of Madoc, having been present were invited to sit with the Presbytery. Mr. Thomson delivered what remained of his trials, and was examined in Theology, Church History, and Hebrew. The Presbytery expressed themselves highly satisfied with all his appearances, and agreed to proceed immediately with his ordination.

The Congregation having assembled the Rev. James Bowie preached. The Rev. D. McLeod gave a narrative of the steps that had been taken, put the usual questions, and offered up the ordination prayer. Mr. McLeod then addressed the pastor, and Mr. Roger the people on their respective duties. The young minister received a hearty welcome from his flock.

Mr. Thomson is to be minister of Trenton and Murray. He has a large and interesting sphere of labour. We earnestly wish him success, and hope that his settlement among this people will be to them the source of much spiritual good. May he be wise in winning souls.

The Rev. David Beattie, presented a certificate from the Free Presbytery of Dalkeith, Scotland, in whose bounds he had laboured previous to his leaving for this country, and also a commission from the Colonial Committee, recommending him to the Presbytery of Cobourg, which were sustained, and he cordially received as a missionary.

The Rev. William Blain was chosen Moderator for the current year.

The Presbytery appointed its next meeting to be held at Cobourg, on the 1st Tuesday of October, at 10 A. M.

JAMES BOWIE, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Presbytery of Toronto met on the last of July, and the first of August. Twelve Ministers and four Elders were in attendance. The following is a sketch of the principal business before the Court:—

Mr. McTavish of Thorah and Eldon, was appointed Moderator for the ensuing twelve months.

The consideration of the appointment of a Missionary for the north west district of the Presbytery, which had been delayed, was resumed.

A Committee of Presbytery some time ago to look out for a suitable missionary itinerate in that district, had recommended that Mr. Nisbet of Oakville, be appointed to that office. After mature deliberation, the following motion was agreed to without a vote, viz.

That while the Presbytery have no doubt what-

ever of the qualification of their brother, Mr. Nisbet, for the peculiar work proposed, yet not feeling themselves prepared to take action in the case, relieve the committee, on their own request, from farther duty, and understanding that the north west quarter of the Presbytery is to be visited early in August by Mr. Reid, Convener of the Synod's Home Mission Committee, the Presbytery delay farther consideration of the spiritual destitution of these districts till he report to the Presbytery after his return.

The case of Mr. Finlay's resignation of his pastoral charge in Whitby, was next taken up.—when his letter tendering his resignation, and which had been before the Presbytery at Montreal was again read. The Clerk reported that he had preached at Whitby, on the 15th July, and cited parties to appear to day. Parties having been called there appeared—Rev. Mr. Findlay, pastor for himself—Mr. W. Heron, elder and commissioner from the rear congregation—and Mr. W. Gordon, commissioner from the front congregation. Two papers were handed in, viz., one from each congregation, stating the feelings of the people, and containing the appointment of the commissioners, which were read and ordered to be kept in *releatia*.

Mr. Findlay on being asked if he still adhered to his resolution to request the Presbytery to accept his resignation, answered in the affirmative. Parties were then heard, and several questions were put to the commissioners. Before adjudicating on this important case, Mr. Lowry on the call of the Moderator, engaged in special prayer. After mature deliberation, it was at length agreed to delay the final decision of this case till the next meeting of Presbytery, to be held in Whitby, on Wednesday, the 12th September, at three o'clock, p. m. Notice whereof to be given to parties concerned.

The Presbytery held a conference with the Rev. A. C. Geikie, formerly of the Congregational Church, who lately made applications to be admitted as minister of this church. At a former meeting, Mr. Geikie gave in satisfactory testimonials, and also his reasons for renouncing Congregationalism, and adopting Presbyterian views. The result of the conference was, that the Presbytery were fully satisfied with Mr. Geikie's views of doctrine and church government, and appointed him to preach before them at next meeting, in terms of the Act of Synod, for the admission of ministers from other churches.

The Rev. W. McIndoe, regularly designated as a missionary to Canada, and recommended to this Presbytery, presented satisfactory testimonials, from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, and was admitted a probationer of this Church.

A case of reference in a matter of discipline affecting a person in Mariposa, was brought for advice. The person in question as a member of the Masonic Order, claims the right to administer oaths on performing certain cures. After deliberation, the following motions was agreed to, viz:—

After hearing the reference and deliberation thereon, the Presbytery are unanimously of opinion that, the administration of oaths in all cases belongs to the civil magistrates and to regularly constituted ecclesiastical bodies only, and not to private individuals; recommended in this case, the substitution of a written declaration, in room of any thing of the nature of an oath, and leave the particulars of this case in the hands of the session, commending them to the guidance of the Great Head of the Church, while they seek to do all to edification.

The following Overture was adopted, and a motion in terms thereof agreed to, viz: That whereas traffic on the Lord's day, whether by Railway or otherwise, is acknowledged to be sinful; and whereas it would be a virtual participation in the sinfulness of such wilful violation both of the divine law and also of the civil statute against Sabbath desecration were we, while cog-

nizant of such conduct, to fail to lift up a testimony against it. and whereas on the Northern Railroad, Cars have been running for several sabbaths; it is hereby respectfully overtured to the Rev. the Presbytery of Toronto, that, whether by the appointment of a Committee to wait on the Railway Directors or otherwise, they do testify against the continuance of such traffic on the Lord's day.

A Committee consisting of Mr. Lowry, convener, Dr. Burns and Mr. Laing, Ministers; and Messrs. McMurich and Shaw Elders; was appointed to carry out the recommendation contained in the overture.

It was on motion agreed to, that the recommendation of the Synod's committee on the state of religion be carried out. The following were appointed a committee, to prepare questions and digest a scheme of Presbyterial visitation, &c., to report at next meeting, viz: Mr. Laing and Mr. Gray, Ministers; and Mr. Shaw, Elder;—Mr. Gray, Convener.

Mr. Laing brought before the Presbytery, the subject of Colportage, and recommended that in accordance with the deliverance of Synod in the matter, members of court should direct their attention to secure the speedy adoption of practical measures in the matter.

Mr. J. Milloy, student, read a Homily on James 1. 14, 15, and a Lecture on 1st Cor. 3. 10, 15, which were sustained as part of his trial exercises. The rest of his trial discourses to be heard at next meeting.

It was agreed that the committee for examining students, meet on as early a day as practicable, and call Mr. G. Ferguson, student, before them with a view of his immediate employment in the mission field, should cause appear.

The Clerk was instructed to write to those sessions that have neglected to submit their Records, urging them to send them in for revision at next meeting.

Supplies of vacant congregations and mission stations were fixed till the date of next meeting of Presbytery, which is to be held at Toronto, on Tuesday, the 11th September, at 11 o'clock, and then at Whitby, on Wednesday, the 12th, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

T. WIGHTMAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE AND OTTAWA.

The first meeting of this Presbytery took place, by appointment of Synod, on the last Tuesday in July. Mr. Boyd, of Prescott, preached the opening sermon, and presided at the first session—he was subsequently appointed moderator for the present synodical year.

There were present, two ministers and two elders from the late Presbytery of Brockville, and nine ministers and five elders from the Presbytery of Perth and Ottawa.

On the motion of Mr. McMurray, Mr. Fraser was unanimously appointed Clerk of Presbytery.

The extract minute of Synod, uniting the two Presbyteries, was read and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Troup, ordained missionary, was invited to take his seat with the Presbytery.

A Presbytery roll was made up and sanctioned. There are in the united Presbytery fifteen ministers, and six organized congregations without ministers.

The proceedings of the late Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa, were sustained up to the period of union—their respective records closed, and all unfinished business transferred to the new Presbytery.

The Presbytery resolved to retain Mr. Troup as a missionary, and he was instructed to spend the two next Sabbaths in Edwardburgh, and the three following in Yonge.

The first case of importance was the consideration of a petition from certain parties in Osgeodo,