

and to request the Assembly's Home Mission Committee to allow him to remain under our care, and further, it was decided to examine Mr. McLaren on his Theological attainments at the next regular meeting.

Rev. Mr. Barron tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Gananoque, on the ground of ill health. Mr. Robert Brough appeared as a delegate on behalf of the congregation. Directions were given to cite the congregation of Gananoque to appear for their interests in the matter before the Presbytery, at an adjourned meeting to be held in Gananoque on Tuesday, the 13th day of February next, at 7 o'clock p. m. Mr. Burton gave notice that at next meeting he would present a motion to the effect, that it is desirable, if practicable, that the chair of Apologetics in Knox College should be filled, and that in the event of action being taken in relation thereto, the Rev. William Gregg, M. A., of Toronto, should be called to this office.

Mr. Gallaher intimated that at Glenvale and Harrowsmith, four persons had been nominated to the eldership, and requested that assessors be appointed to act with him in their ordination. Mr. Wilson and Mr. James Gibson were associated with him for this purpose.

Notice was given that at next ordinary meeting all remits and overtures for the higher courts of the Church would be taken into consideration, and the appointment of commissioners to the General Assembly would be made.

The next quarterly meeting was appointed to be held in Nappanee, on the second Tuesday of April, ensuing, at 7 o'clock, p. m. Mr. Watt to preach at the opening exercises.

THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery held its regular meeting in McNab St. Church, Hamilton, on Tuesday, the 16th of January.

There were eighteen ministers, and seven elders present. Rev. J. F. Dickie was received as a probationer at this Church, on the presentation of a commission from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland. Rev. James McKutcheon presented a certificate of ministerial standing, and was recommended to the General Assembly.

A unanimous call from Tilsonburgh to Rev. W. H. Simpson of Kilbride, was prosecuted before the Presbytery. Mr. Simpson declined the call, and the Presbytery refused his translation. Mr. Steven accepted a call from St. Ann's and Wellandport, and his ordination was appointed to take place at St. Ann's, on the 6th February.

A call from Ancaster East and West to Mr. Wm. P. Walker, was sustained, and accepted. Mr. Walker's ordination was fixed for 31st inst.

Mr. McBain reported that he had organized a congregation at Fort Erie, and at Ridgeway, and that the congregation looked hopefully for an early settlement. Mr. McCall gave a report of the Home Mission operations for the past quarter; noting that since the last regular meeting of Presbytery, four vacancies had been settled, leaving but three vacancies within the bounds, namely, two in Hamilton, and one in Flamboro'. Several other items of business of local interest were attended to, and in the evening of Tuesday, as well as throughout the whole of Wednesday, a Presbyterial Conference on the State of Religion was held. Many subjects of practical importance were discussed in a pleasing and instructive manner.

The next ordinary meeting will be held in McNab St. Church, Hamilton, on the second Tuesday of April next, at 11 a. m. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Ancaster East, on the 31st inst.

JOHN MACCALL, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.—The regular quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Peterboro' on the 9th of January.

The committee appointed to visit Springville and Lakevale reported that they had met with the congregation of Springville, and had endeavored to dis-