

Attention was turned to a letter from the Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee in regard to the employment of Mr. McKay in some foreign field. After Conference it was agreed to defer action on this very important subject until next meeting, which is to be held at Prince Albert on the 10th of January, 1871, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Mr. Thom gave notice that he would, at next meeting, move that this Presbytery proceed to nominate Rev. W. Gregg to the Professorship in Knox College. It was agreed that Messrs. MacTavish, Thomson, Kennedy, and Smith, be a committee ament the Burns Memorial, and to arrange to have every congregation visited by one of these brethren, and report to next meeting of Presbytery.

An application was read from Mr. R. McAlpine Thornton, B.A., late student in Knox College, to be received as a Probationer. Mr. Thornton having attended a full session in the United Presbyterian Theological Hall, Edinburgh, and also in the New College there, and a summer session in Germany, had subsequently obtained license from the Edinburgh Presbytery of the U. P. Church. Highly satisfactory testimonials from Professors Eadie and Cairns, of the U. P. Church, and from Professors Rainy, Blaikie, and Duff, of the Free Church, were read, and extract of License from the above mentioned Presbytery. The application was cordially granted, and he was received accordingly, as a Probationer of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

Missionary meetings were earnestly recommended to be held in all the congregations in the bounds, and reports of the same rendered to the Presbytery. Mr. Scott was appointed to arrange for such meetings in the Mission field, and secure the aid of the ministers visiting it in rotation.

R. H. THORNTON, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met for ordinary business, at Stratford, on the 27th September. Eleven out of fourteen ministers were present, with seven elders. The report of the committee appointed to visit New Hamburg was called for, when Mr. Boyd stated that he had visited the Station according to appointment, and found the people therewith connected anxious to be supplied with preaching every second Sabbath, and promising to pay for such supply at the rate of \$100 per annum. The Presbytery received the report, appointed Messrs. Boyd and Drummond a committee further to inquire into the circumstances of the Station and report at next meeting, and requested Mr. Drummond to give supply of preaching at New Hamburg until that time. Commissioners from Burns' Church, East Zorra, stated that the congregation require, as formerly, the sum of \$2 per Sabbath from the Mission Fund. The Presbytery agreed to recommend the Home Mission Committee to grant said sum. Upon application it was agreed to unite the Sessions of Shakespeare and Hampstead as one session under the title of "the Sessions of the united congregations of Shakespeare and Hampstead." The committee appointed to visit the congregation of Fish Creek reported, and upon their recommendation, and with the concurrence of said congregation, as also of Biddulph, with which it has been hitherto connected, it was agreed to confine the pastoral labors of Mr. Allan Findlay to the latter. Fish Creek had always been weak in members, and had recently become more so by removal from the bounds. It was also in comparatively close proximity to other congregations. The congregation of Biddulph came forward with an offer of a large advancement on the amount heretofore contributed for the support of ordinances, at the same time expressing an expectation of increased prosperity from the labors of their pastor when released from Fish Creek. The congregation of Fish Creek is to be dissolved, so soon as it shall have paid its indebtedness, by the Session of Fish Creek and Biddulph granting certificates to its members; and the Presbytery agreed to apply to the Home Mission Committee for supplement to raise the salary to \$500—the congregation paying \$425, and \$50 as house rent. The congregations of Molesworth and Listowell were