

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met at Stratford on the 9th July, the Rev. J. W. Mitchell, Moderator. Messrs. Hartley and Panton, Students, delivered discourses, which were sustained. A number of Session Records were examined and attested, as also was the Treasurer's Book. Certain congregations having failed to contribute to the Presbytery Fund were ordered to be reminded of their duty. Commissioners to the General Assembly reported their diligence. Mr. James Boyd, Crosshill, was appointed corresponding member of the Foreign Mission Committee for the year. Mr. Mitchell, on behalf of the Committee on Statistics, presented a lengthened report, and thanks was tendered to them and specially to the Convener. The further consideration of this report was postponed to September meeting. The conference on "Difficulties in Ministerial Work" was also postponed. A letter from Mr. Allan, North Easthope, was read, stating his inability, from affliction, to perform ministerial work, and asking supply and leave of absence for eight or ten weeks. His request was granted.

Mr. Drummond gave notice that at next meeting he would move that the usual hour of meeting be changed from two o'clock p. m. to eleven a. m. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at St. Mary's at two p. m. on the 24th Sept.

JOHN FOTHERINGHAM, CLERK.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting in Goderich, on the 9th and 10th days of July.

Mr. Ferguson was elected Moderator for the ensuing six months.

The Commissioners to the General Assembly gave a report of their attendance at the Supreme Court.

Mr. Gracey reported that the Committee appointed to organize a Mission Station in Stephen, organized a Station in that place. Mr. Gracey was appointed to dispense the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Stephen, and to take the usual steps to have Elders ordained there.

The following minute was drafted anent the removal by death of Mr. Alex. Smith, Elder of Knox Church, Goderich, engrossed in the records, and a copy thereof to be sent to the widow, viz.:—"The Presbytery mark [with deep regret the removal by death, since their last regular meeting of Mr. Alex. Smith, for some months prior to his decease an Elder of Knox Church, Goderich, and for nearly forty years an Elder in the first Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario.

"The Presbytery desire to place on record their sense of Mr. Smith's many excellent qualities as a man and a Christian, and of the zeal and fidelity with which he discharged the duties of his office.

"During nearly the entire period of his Eldership, Mr. Smith was almost uniformly a member of the higher courts of the Church, in which his presence and counsel were always highly valued by his brethren. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send a copy of this minute to the widow of Mr. Smith, with the assurance of their deep sympathy with her and her family under this sore bereavement."

Mr. Ure was appointed to dispense the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Dungannon and Port Albert, on the first Sabbath of September, and to take steps for the election and ordination of Elders at the latter place.

A unanimous call was sustained from the congregations of Bayfield and Berne, in favour of Mr. John Abraham.

On application from Culross, Mr. Stewart was appointed to moderate in a call there on the 23rd inst.

Mr. Duncan Cameron having accepted the call addressed to him by the congregation of Lucknow, his induction was appointed to take place on the 24th inst.—Mr. Pritchard to preach, Mr. Leask to preside, Mr. Anderson to address the minister, and Mr. Stewart the people.

Messrs. McDonald, Gallagher, and Smith, students, read discourses before the Presbytery, and the Clerk was instructed to certify them to the Board of Examiners of Knox College.