

A unanimous call from the congregation of Port Stanley to Rev. J. Baird was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted.

From an opinion offered by the Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, the consideration of the action of the Presbytery in reference to Oil Springs was deferred till next ordinary meeting.

In discussing the circular issued by the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee, the Presbytery affirmed its willingness and obligation to enter upon Foreign Mission work. The particular field was not indicated.

The committee appointed to visit Nissouri and Thamesford reported that there were 60 families and about 115 individuals wishing to be organized into a separate station.

The Presbytery agreed that those persons who are reported as members be disjoined from the congregations to which they respectively belong, satisfactory evidence having been furnished to the deputation of their good and regular standing, and no objection being now offered by the Moderators of the respective sessions implicated.

The increased supply of preaching in West Williams was left to the Home Mission Committee, to act in harmony with the Session of Williams.

A call from Port Burwell and Vienna to Mr. Donaldson, of Adelaide, was sustained. Mr. Donaldson asked leave to consider the same. The Presbytery agreed to wait his decision till next ordinary meeting.

No opposition being offered, the Presbytery accepted Mr. Donaldson's resignation of the charge of E. and N. Adelaide.

Mr. McKinnon, of Wardsville, obtained leave of absence for three months, to visit Britain to recruit his health.

After examination, it was agreed to ask leave of the General Assembly to take Mr. Peter Scott, student of Divinity, upon trial for license.

The Presbytery agreed to leave the appointment of a Professor for Knox College, to the Assembly.

The report of the Finance Committee, and the matter of the resignation of the Convener of the Presbytery Home Mission Committee, were laid over for discussion at the meeting to be held in Sarnia in July next.

The following minute in reference to the resignation of Mr. Goodfellow was ordered to be engrossed in the minutes, viz.:

"In parting with the Rev. Peter Goodfellow, the Presbytery desire to express their affectionate sympathy with him, in that, through the afflictive dispensation of Providence, he has seen it to be his duty to resign the pastoral charge of the congregation in Bosanquet. They desire to place on record their high appreciation of his genial qualities, his manly independence, his high-toned character, and capabilities as a minister of the Gospel of Christ. They follow him with their prayers that he may soon be restored to his wonted health and vigour, and that he may long be spared to be a useful and honoured labourer in the vineyard of the Lord."

A minute from the Session of Widder, expressive of attachment to Mr. Goodfellow, and deep regret at the separation, was also read.

GEO. CUTHBERTSON, *Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE.—This Presbytery met within the Barrie Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, the 25th April, 1871.

Nine ministers and seven elders were present.

After the reading and sustaining of the Minutes of last meeting, the Presbytery proceeded to appoint a Committee to draw up a minute anent the lamented death of one of their members,—the Rev. Thomas Wightman of Innisfil.

The resignation of Mr. J. Gray of the part of his charge consisting of Esson Church, Oro, was taken up and the following finding came to:—

That the Presbytery, cordially approving of Mr. Gray's reasons, accept the resignation of the pastoral charge of Esson Church, Oro, do appoint him to