

It was unanimously agreed, respecting the remit on Foreign Missions, "That while the Presbytery appreciate the zeal of Mr. Gordon in the interest of Missions, it is not deemed expedient at present to express an opinion on his overture."

Returns from Sessions and Congregations to the Remit on Union, were read. Nine approved of the Basis sent down, and two required in the Basis a statement declaring "the supremacy of the Lord Jesus Christ as Head over all things to the Church in the future." Sessions which had not sent in returns, were required to send them in at next regular meeting. The Remit was taken up, when it was moved by Mr. W. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Knowles "That the Basis set down by the General Assembly is considered sufficient for the accomplishment of union between the negotiating Churches." Mr. W. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Craw, moved, in amendment, the following: "The Presbytery, while regarding the union of the Presbyterian Churches of these Provinces as highly desirable, if the same could be accomplished on terms acceptable to all parties; and while cherishing the hope that at no very distant period, the way may be opened up for the attainment of this end, yet regret that inasmuch as in the proposed Basis of Union, a novel and exceptional position is given to the Larger and Shorter Catechisms hitherto held and classed along with the Confession of Faith as a part of the doctrinal standards of this Church; and inasmuch as that in no part of the proposed Basis is there any recognition of the Mediatorial Sovereignty of the Lord Jesus Christ over the Church or over the nations, the Presbytery feel constrained to declare the said Basis defective and unsatisfactory, and therefore return the Remit of Union with their disapproval." Five voted in favour of the amendment, and seven against. The motion approving of the Basis of Union was therefore carried.

A special meeting of the Presbytery was held at Barrie, on Tuesday 17th February, for the purpose of disposing of an application made to the General Assembly for readmission to the Ministry of this Church, and referred by the Assembly to the Presbytery. Six Ministers, and one Elder, together with Dr. Topp, and Messrs. J. M. King and T. W. Taylor Assessors were present.

The case was at once proceeded with. The relative papers were read. Mr. Wright, was heard in support of the application. After discussion, the following motion was made by Mr. M. Fraser and seconded by Dr. Topp.

"That while the Presbytery feel considerable difficulty in dealing with this application in consequence of the conduct of Mr. Wright, in connection with his occupation of his Mission field in Muskoka which seriously affected the interests of the Church in that district, yet considering that there is no charge against his moral or ministerial character or his doctrinal views, and without justifying in the least degree his proceedings since he was separated from the Ministry of this Church, and looking to all the circumstances of the case, resolve to grant the prayer of his petition."

It was moved in amendment by Mr. King, and seconded by Mr. T. W. Taylor.

"That the Presbytery, while sympathising with Mr. Wright in circumstances which have led him to make the application, now before it, to the General Assembly for restoration to the Ministry of this Church, finds itself unable, with proper regard to the interests of the Church, to entertain it favourable." The vote being taken four voted for the amendment, and five for the motion, which was accordingly carried.

Mr. W. Fraser from the chair intimated to Mr. Wright the decision of the Presbytery with appropriate counsel.

The Clerk was instructed to call for answers of Sessions to the queries on the State of Religion before next meeting.

ROBERT MOODIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—The Presbytery of London met, pursuant to adjournment, on Tuesday, 10th February, in 1st Presbyterian Church, London.

A call from the congregation of North Bruce to the Rev. John Scott, of