

Mr. Reid to give an address to the Professor elect. A memorial and petition was read from the congregation of Mount Albert and the mission station of Vivian, representing their desire to have a settled minister among them as soon as possible; offering in the meantime a salary of \$400, and asking the Presbytery to apply to H. M. Committee of the General Assembly for a supplement of \$200 in their behalf. The Presbytery agreed to apply accordingly. And other matters which were also applied for were left over for future consideration. Various other items of business were taken up and disposed of, but they do not require public notice.

PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.—This Presbytery held an ordinary meeting at Durham on Sept. 16th and 17th. Reports were given in of the dispensation of the Lord's Supper in the stations, according to appointments made at the previous meeting. The Reports spoke very favorably of the condition and progress of the Stations.

Mr. Blain, as Convener of the Committee appointed to draft a scheme of missionary meetings to be held in course of the ensuing winter in the several congregations and stations, submitted such a scheme, which was considered and adopted.

A petition was presented from Chesley, praying for disjunction from this Presbytery with the view of being united with Salem Station in the Presbytery of Bruce, in support of which Mr. John McLaggan was heard. The prayer of the petition was granted, subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

The Presbytery engaged in conference, the subject, which was introduced by Mr. Duff, being, "Our duty to the children of the Church." It was agreed that the subject of conference at next meeting be—"The devotional part of the services of public worship,"—to be introduced by Mr. Park.

Mr. Crozier, according to notice given, moved, "That the Presbytery take steps to the end that the Stipend of each of its ministers be not less than the sum of \$600.00 per annum." The motion was agreed to unanimously. In regard to the first steps to be taken in the aforesaid matter, after discussion a motion by Mr. Duff was carried, which was as follows:—"That with a view to tabulate the results of congregational interest in the affairs of the Church for general distribution, the Moderator of each Session be requested to furnish at next meeting of Presbytery the average amount given per member, and if possible per family, for stipend, and to such and all of the several schemes of the Church.

A letter was read from the Finance Committee of Assembly, informing the Presbytery of the sum assigned to it as its share of the amount required for the Assembly Fund, and the Clerk made a statement of what was required of each congregation, according to membership, in order to make up said sum. In the calculation made the congregations only having been included, it was resolved that the stations also be taken into the account, and the clerk was instructed to apportion the amount accordingly, and notify each congregation and station of the sum required of it upon that calculation.

A lecture upon a passage of Scripture was delivered by Mr. James Bryant, student, which was approved of.

The Home Mission Report was given in by Mr. Crozier, and received and considered in detail.

Session records were ordered to be produced at next meeting.

W. PARK, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery held an adjourned meeting at Port Elgin, on the 13th of Aug., for the ordination and induction of the Rev. D. G. McKay, and for the transaction of ordinary business. The Rev. John Anderson preached an excellent discourse from Luke iv., 18. Mr. Tolmie, Moderator presided, and narrated the steps taken in the call to Mr. McKay, and put to him the questions of the formula, and having received satisfactory answers to the same, the Presbytery proceeded in the usual way to ordain and induct him into the pastoral charge of Port Elgin and Dumblane. The newly ordained