

case due attention was not given to such communication, to communicate with Presbyteries, requiring them to take action in the premises. The bounds of Synods and Presbyteries in view of Union, were discussed, and Synod decided to make no recommendation as to Synods, and to approve the recommendation as to Presbyteries, contained in "Draft Report on Reconstruction," signed by Robt. Campbell and Wm. Moore, leaving the matter to be dealt with by Synods after Union. Dr. Proudfoot, by appointment, introduced discussion on the subject. "The relatively inadequate support of the Christian Ministry; its injurious effects on both ministers and congregations, and the means which should be taken to remedy it." He also submitted a "Memorial and Petition to the General Assembly," with a view to its being adopted by Synod. It had reference specially to a "Sustentation Fund," and was unanimously adopted. Mr. Mitchell, on behalf of the Committee on Evangelistic Work, presented a very interesting report of much work done with many tokens of good accomplished. The Committee was re-appointed, and Presbyteries instructed to appoint one of their number to receive the Reports of Sessions on the State of Religion, and prepare reports based on them, and that such person be *ex-officio*, a member of the Committee on Evangelistic Work." The congregation of Fraser Church, Biddulph, (named after the late James Fraser, London Township,) was transferred to the Presbytery of Stratford from that of London. The date of next ordinary meeting was announced to be the first Tuesday of May next, at half past seven in the evening in St. Andrew's Church, London; and the Synod closed shortly after ten o'clock on the second evening of its sitting.

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Proceedings of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—The last regular meeting of the Presbytery of Ottawa, was held within Bank Street Church, Ottawa, on May 3rd and 4th. Mr. Armstrong was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. It was agreed to ask leave of the General Assembly, to put the names of Messrs. Hugh Maguire, and Hugh McGregor, ordained Missionaries, upon the Roll of the Presbytery. The Mission Station of Aylmer was raised to the position of a vacant congregation. The Station of North Gower was separated from Manotick and Gloucester, formed into an independent charge, and power granted to the Moderator of Session to moderate in a call, whenever requested by the congregation to do so. There was taken up and considered: an application from Mr. Robert McKenzie, a Minister of the American Presbyterian Church, to be received into the C. P. Church. After hearing his papers, it was agreed, that inasmuch as Mr. McKenzie was so recently a Minister of this Church, the Presbytery does not deem a personal appearance necessary, and resolves to make application to the Assembly in June next, for his admission into the Church. The evening of the first day was occupied with a conference on Sabbath Schools. After Mr. James Whyte had explained the arrangements made in regard to the Conference, Mr. Crombie read a paper upon "The relation of the Church Courts to the Sabbath School;" Mr. Burns followed, with an address; on "Sabbath School Conventions;" Mr. Stewart on "The Sabbath School Lesson;" and Mr. Armstrong, on "Sabbath School Music"—an opportunity being presented for remarks, either by members of Presbytery, or Sabbath School Teachers, both between the several addresses and at the close of the whole. A petition was received from the Congregation of Ramsay, asking leave to change the place of service, from the eighth line Church, to the School House, near Rosebank, and a commission was appointed to visit the field, confer with parties interested, and issue the matter in such a way as to promote the interests of the Church. (This Commission has since met and agreed to grant the prayer of the petition). The Rev. H. McMeekin, asked and obtained, a Certificate of Dismissal, with the view of connecting himself with