

Sydenham, asked and obtained leave to protest and appeal to the Synod of Toronto, at its next meeting, for reasons to be given in. At next Sederunt these reasons were given in and read, and Messrs. Brown and Dewar appointed to prepare answers, and to appear on behalf of the Presbytery in the matter of this appeal.

Mr. Brown, who had lately returned from a visit to Scotland, was, on motion by Mr. Cameron, welcomed to the Presbytery again. Mr. Brown replied, and thanked the Presbytery for the supply of his pulpit while absent.

Messrs. Dewar, Cameron, Stewart and Straith (Mr. Straith, Convener) were appointed a deputation to visit all the congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery, with the view of encouraging them, aiding them in forming Missionary Associations, &c., and stirring them up to increased Christian liberality, &c.

A circular was read from the Foreign Mission Committee, when it was resolved,—That while we as a Presbytery would be highly delighted to receive a deputation from the Foreign Mission Committee, yet inasmuch as the work contemplated by the Foreign Mission Committee will be overtaken largely by our own Presbyterial action, this Presbytery thinks that such deputation will not be of much practical advantage.

The Committee on the State of Religion gave in a report, recommending that at least one Sederunt of next ordinary meeting of Presbytery be spent in conference on the state of Religion, and that elders be specially requested to take part therein. That the following be the subjects for conference:—1st.—What tokens of vital religion appear in the different congregations? Is there increase or progress in these? 2nd.—What is the manner of dealing with applicants for membership? Or the best mode of testing the spiritual state of such. 3rd.—What is the best means of reaching the careless and awakening such from their death sleep? 4th.—What is the best manner of conducting pastoral visitations, and bringing the power of the truth to bear on parents and children at home?

That Sessions be particularly instructed to forward answers to the questions on the State of Religion, sent down by the General Assembly, before the 16th of February next. These to be sent to the Convener of the Presbytery's Committee, Rev. A. Frazer, Port Elgin.

Remits on Instrumental Music, and on the union of the Churches, were sent to Sessions and Congregations, to be reported on at next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Straith gave notice that he intends to present to the Presbytery, at its next ordinary meeting, an overture to the General Assembly with a view to erect a Presbytery of Bruce, comprising the ministers and congregations within the County, or such other boundaries as the Supreme Court may decide on.

The Presbytery adjourned, to meet again at Owen Sound, and within the Church there, on the 1st Tuesday of February, at 2 o'clock p. m.

ALEXANDER FRAZER, *Presbytery Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.—The Presbytery of Brockville met on the first Tuesday of November at Prescott. Very little business of public interest was transacted. A committee was appointed to visit certain Mission stations with the view of stimulating to greater effort in the support of missionary labour; a committee also to draw up a Scheme for the holding of missionary meetings in the different congregations during the month of January, to be addressed by Mr. McKenzie, of Almonte, on the claims of Foreign Missions. Ministers of Presbytery were enjoined to present the claims of the other Schemes of the Church to their respective congregations at such times and in such manner as may seem to them best. Committees were also appointed to examine certain Session Records lying on the table.

The Clerk was instructed to state to the Convener of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee that Winchester ought not to appear as a supplemented congregation, as it does in the Records of Assembly, Presbytery not having asked for aid in its behalf. WILLIAM BENNETT, *Presbytery Clerk*.