

sirable and important object." The Presbytery had under consideration a document from Thom's Settlement, at present under the pastoral charge of the Rev. A. Melville, praying to be relieved from pecuniary obligations to him for the future. With reference to this, two motions were submitted; the first by Mr. Burton, to the effect that the petition be granted, but that the Presbytery express its strong disapprobation of the terms in which the petition is worded, and that the sympathy of the Presbytery be given to Mr. Melville in the painful circumstances of the case; the other motion by Mr. Ferrie, to the effect that Mr. Melville having declared his readiness to relieve the Thom settlement of its pecuniary obligations to him for the future, the Presbytery agrees to relieve Mr. Melville for the future from his ministerial duties in that settlement. The latter motion was carried by the casting vote of the moderator. The Presbytery heard a statement from Rev. A. Paterson respecting arrears due him at Merrickville. The Presbytery declared its inability to pay this claim, and its indisposition to consider it in present circumstances. An application from Rev. J. C. Quin, on the subject of arrears due at Kemptville, was before the Presbytery on the following day, and disposed of in almost the same terms as in the case of Mr. Paterson. An application from Fairfield for the services of Mr. Burton, and one from Kemptville for induction in a call were granted. A certificate was granted to Rev. A. Lees. The Presbytery agreed to meet at Brockville on the 27th, to consider the case of Merrickville, to draw up Home Mission returns, and attend to other business.

W. FERRIE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—The Presbytery of Toronto met on the 1st Tuesday of November, Rev. J. Dick, Moderator. The Presbytery transacted a considerable amount of business, but it was not of much general interest. The Presbytery licensed Rev. W. A. Johnston to preach the gospel. A letter was read from Rev. A. McLean declining the call to Barrie and Guthrie church. Dr. Willis and Mr. Craw were appointed to organize the new congregation at Oro town line. After statements from Mr. Pringle, W. Alexander and other brethren, it was agreed to take steps to open a station at Cheltenham. A letter was read from Rev. D. Coutts, at present suffering from indisposition; and arrangements were made for the supply of his pulpit once a fortnight, till next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

J. MITCHELL, *Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—A meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 30th October last, Rev. D. Allan, Moderator, P. T. A petition was received from Widder Street Church, St. Mary's, asking for the moderation of a call to a minister. Messrs Fullerton and Harston were heard in support of the petition, and the Rev. Robert Hamilton was appointed to moderate in a call on the 20th Nov. at 11 o'clock A. M. A similar petition was presented from the united congregations of Biddulph and Fish Creek. Messrs Radcliffe and Grant appeared as commissioners from said congregations, and were heard, and the Rev. Robert Hall and the Rev. Robert Hamilton were appointed to moderate in a call at Biddulph Church on the 21st Nov. at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Rev. David Beattie sent in his resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Mornington, as on account of bad health he is unable to discharge regular ministerial duty. The Presbytery agreed to cite the congregation of Mornington to appear at next meeting to show cause, if they have any, why Mr. Beattie's resignation should not be accepted.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Stratford on the 27th Nov. at 11 o'clock A. M.

WILLIAM DOAK, *Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—This Presbytery met in Bank Street Church, Ottawa, on the 6th November. The opening sermon was preached by Mr. Whyte of Osgoode.

The Rev. Dr. Taylor of Montreal, being present, was invited to sit with the Presbytery.