

A petition was received and read from Amabel, praying for the moderation in a call. Messrs. Frazer and McInnes were appointed to moderate in this call on the third Tuesday of October, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Mr. McLennan was appointed to dispense the Lord's Supper at Thornbury on the 3rd Sabbath of October.

The application of 1st and 2nd congregations of Saugeen, praying for union, was taken up, and the papers read. Parties interested having been duly cited, and no objections being offered, it was moved by Mr. Frazer, seconded by Mr. Gauld, and agreed to, that the union prayed for between the 1st and 2nd congregations of Saugeen be consummated, and that an extract of this resolution be read before the congregation.

No commissioners appearing from Division Street congregation, Owen Sound, in the matter of the petition of Knox's Church, Sydenham, anent certain church property, consideration of the petition was deferred till next meeting, and the congregation of Division Street, Owen Sound, ordered to be cited to appear at said meeting.

A paper was read from the Kirk Session of Chatsworth, stating that the congregations of Sullivan and Glenelg were prepared for separation, in order to form two pastoral charges, and praying for the action of the Presbytery in the matter. It was agreed that a deputation, consisting of Messrs. Dewar, McInnes and Ormiston, be appointed to meet with the congregations of Sullivan and Glenelg, confer with them in regard to this matter, and report to next meeting of Presbytery, and that these congregations be cited to appear for their interests at said meeting.

Mr. Dewar gave notice that at next meeting he would move that this Presbytery re-consider the power granted to the congregation of Division Street, Owen Sound, to sell certain church property possessed by them.

The congregations of Meaford, &c., and Port Elgin were recommended to the Home Mission Committee for supplements. Mr. Gauld having read the Home Mission Report of the Presbytery, the Report was adopted, and Messrs. Stewart, Cameron and McLennan appointed as the Home Mission Committee. Mr. Tolmie was appointed corresponding member of the Foreign Mission Committee.

Mr. Straith gave notice that at next meeting he would move that, in view of the instructions sent down by the General Assembly to Presbyteries relative to finances, considering also the manifest deficiency in the contributions of congregations of this Presbytery towards the schemes of the Church, as well as the stipend fund,—this Presbytery urgently and affectionately direct the attention of congregations within their bounds to the necessity of more systematic and more extensive Christian liberality; and, in order to further this object, appoint a deputation to meet with every congregation in the Presbytery and bring this important matter before them, assist them in constituting missionary associations, prepare plans of operation, and generally encourage them in effecting a larger development of this Christian grace.

Messrs. Frazer, Straith and Ross were appointed a Committee on the State of Religion, to mature a scheme, &c., and report.

Messrs. Fairbairn and McRae, students, gave in their remaining trials for license. Their examinations and discourses were sustained, and having answered the prescribed questions, &c., they were by prayer set apart to the work of the Gospel ministry, and received the right hand of fellowship from the moderator and members of court.

Mr. Gauld gave notice that at next meeting he would move that this Presbytery meet on Mondays, instead of Tuesday as heretofore.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet again at Owen Sound, and within the church there, on the 2nd Tuesday of December.

A. FRAZER, Pres. Clerk.