

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting at Seaforth, on the 8th and 9th days of October. There appeared a deputation from Dunggannon, Port Albert, and Ashfield, asking that a member of Presbytery be appointed to moderate in a call, if the said congregation saw cause before next meeting. The deputation stated that the congregations promised to raise an aggregate sum of \$430 towards the payment of a minister's stipend. Messrs. Leask and Young, ministers, and Murdock and Jackson, elders, were appointed assessors to the Session at Dunggannon, with power to moderate in a call, if it should be necessary before next meeting of Presbytery, and if the united congregations would promise to raise \$500 for the payment of a minister's stipend. A letter from Mr. John Abraham was read, declining the call to Bayfield. Application being made, power was given to Mr. Ross to moderate in a call at Bayfield, if the congregation request it, before next meeting. Mr. Gracey reported that two elders, viz., John Caithness and William Turnbull, were elected and ordained at Stephen in due form. Mr. McCuaig gave a report of his correspondence with Mr. Hugh Currie, of Manilla, in reference to the arrears claimed by Mr. Currie, against the congregation of Glammis, setting forth that the amount found to be due Mr. Currie was \$5, and that said amount was paid him. A letter from Dr. Proudfoot, on behalf of the London Presbytery was read, giving satisfactory explanations as to how this Presbytery was deprived of the services of Mr. McAlpine, probationer, previous to his settling at Widder. The Rev. J. B. Taylor, probationer, applied for a Presbyterial certificate, as he intended to unite with another branch of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Taylor's request was granted. On behalf of the committee appointed to consider the financial returns of last year, Mr. Goldsmith gave in a report, setting forth the average contributions per member to the schemes of the Church, and calling the attention of the Presbytery to those congregations, the stipend of whose minister is below the minimum. After some discussion it was agreed as follows: 1st. That in the judgment of this Presbytery, it is not possible for a minister to maintain a family in comfort and respectability, on anything less than the minimum, viz., \$600, therefore the clerk be instructed to write to sessions, whose minister is receiving less than the minimum, requesting them to call the attention of the trustees and congregation to the matter. 2nd. That for the purpose of inducing congregations to contribute more liberally to the schemes of the Church, arrangements be made for holding missionary meetings during the winter; and that a committee consisting of Messrs. Leask, Young, and Murdock, be appointed to make such arrangements—Mr. Leask, convener. 3rd. That inasmuch as it appears that the congregation of Duff's Church, McKillop, are considerably in arrears, a deputation consisting of Messrs. Ross and Logie, with Mr. Carnochan, elder, be appointed to visit the said congregation, to confer with them anent the removal of the arrears. The Rev. Mr. Chiniquy being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Mr. McCuaig, according to notice previously given, moved a series of resolutions, with reference to changing the present mode of electing commissioners to the General Assembly, which after some amendments were adopted. The resolutions as adopted are as follows: 1st. That the commissioners to be elected by rotation, shall be chosen without regard to their presence or absence, and in the event of any one chosen not being able to attend the Assembly, he shall notify the Clerk before the next regular meeting of Presbytery, and in no case shall the Presbytery turn back on the roll. 2nd. That the ministers not chosen by rotation shall be elected by ballot. 3rd. That the elders be elected by open vote. Mr. Leask was appointed Treasurer of the Presbytery Fund. The appointments for the ensuing quarter, being submitted, were approved—a number of the members of Presbytery volunteering to give a Sabbath to supply the vacancies. The Presbytery's next meeting to be at Clinton, on the 2nd Tuesday of January.

A. MACLEAN, PRES. CLERK.