

**PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.**—The Presbytery of Ontario held a meeting at Port Perry on 4th November. Before business was entered on, the Rev. J. Thom read a telegram from Rev. D. Stewart, of Enniskillen, who had been expected to have taken his seat in Presbytery for the first time, intimating the sudden removal of his wife by death, and requesting the Presbytery to aid him with supply for two or three Sabbaths. The Presbytery deeply sympathizing with their brother in his affliction, agreed to unite in prayer, in which Mr. Thom led, at the request of the Moderator. Subsequently the following, on motion duly made and seconded, was recorded, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Stewart, viz.:

"The Presbytery having been informed of the sudden bereavement of their brother, Rev. D. Stewart, by the removal of his wife by death, desire to express their deep and affectionate sympathy with their brother in the great affliction with which the Lord hath visited him; and pray that special mercies and loving kindness of the Lord may support and comfort himself and his family, and may sanctify to them the sad providence by which his partner in life has been called away, we trust, to the better land."

A call from the congregation of Beamsville, and addressed to Rev. A. Dawson, of Ashburn and Utica, was taken up. The Rev. S. C. Fraser appeared as representative of the congregation of Beamsville, and the Presbytery of Hamilton, and ably pleaded in behalf of Beamsville. After the Commissioners on the other side had been heard, Mr. Dawson, into whose hands the call had been put by the Moderator, was called on to express his mind in regard to the call. He intimated that for certain reasons he considered it his duty to accept the call to Beamsville.

It was then, on motion by Mr. Thom, duly seconded, agreed "that inasmuch as Mr. Dawson is so decidedly of opinion that it is his duty to remove, the Presbytery do lose him from his present charge of Ashburn and Utica, with a view to his induction by the Presbytery of Hamilton."

Mr. Peattie was appointed Moderator of the Sessions of Ashburn and Utica during the vacancy. And Mr. Ballantyne was appointed to preach the pulpit vacant on the 23rd November.

Mr. Currie reported his having moderated, according to appointment, in two cases, viz.: in the congregations of Wick and Greenbank, and also in Beaverton. The call in the former case was unanimously given to Mr. E. Pantou, who has been for seven months stationed as Missionary in Sunderland and Vroomanton; that from Beaverton, which was also unanimous, was addressed to Rev. Charles Cameron, Pricville, in the Presbytery of Durham. The call from Wick and Greenbank was handed to Mr. Pantou, who asked time to consider it. Since the above meeting of Presbytery Mr. Pantou has also received a unanimous call from the congregation of Lindsay. The call to Mr. Cameron, with the necessary document was ordered to be transmitted to the Clerk of Durham Presbytery, and Mr. Currie was appointed to represent the Presbytery of Ontario in prosecuting the call.

A scheme of Missionary meetings within the bounds was submitted by a Committee previously appointed, and adopted by the Presbytery, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Dr. Thornton, duly seconded, it was agreed to take up at next regular meeting the remits from the General Assembly. Mr. Currie verbally gave in his resignation of his pastoral charge, for reasons bearing upon the welfare of the cause in the neighborhood. In connection with this, Mr. Pyper, representative Elder, informed the Presbytery that the congregations forming Mr. Currie's charge, had supplemented their engagements in regard to stipend. Action was deferred, and the congregations of Manilla and Cunningham were ordered to be cited to appear for their interests at next meeting of Presbytery.