

Christie to be Moderator, and give him authority to moderate in a call when he shall find the congregations prepared for that step.

There was read an application from Mr. James Campbell, formerly a minister of the Primitive Methodist church, praying the Presbytery to receive him as a student, with a view to the ministry in our church. Various testimonials were read in his favour. A committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Campbell. And at the evening diet, said committee reported that they were on the whole favourably impressed with the statement of views by Mr. C. on Christian doctrine and church government, and recommended the Presbytery to apply to the General Assembly for leave to receive him as a student of Theology, on condition of his producing a satisfactory certificate from the Primitive Methodist church as to his standing in that body. The foregoing report was received, and its recommendation adopted. It was also agreed to recommend Mr. Campbell to the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee for employment in the Home Mission field.

The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the usual place on the first Tuesday of July next, at 11 a.m.

R. MONTEATH.

Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.—This Presbytery held an ordinary meeting at Durham on 23rd and 24th April.

A call was presented from Arthur congregation in favor of Mr. Wm. Matheson, minister of the Gospel, and sustained. Mr. Matheson having intimated his acceptance of said call his induction was appointed to take place on 22nd May at 2 o'clock, Mr. Blain to preach and preside on the occasion, Mr. Macmillan to address the minister, and Mr. Morrison the people.

According to notice given at previous meeting it was moved by Mr. Crozier, and seconded by Mr. Morrison, that the Presbytery hold at least one ordinary meeting within the bounds of each of the congregations. The vote being taken the motion was lost.

Mr. Macmillan having given in a Home Mission Report, which was received, begged leave on the ground that he expected to be absent from his charge for some time during the summer, to resign his office of Mission agent. The resignation was accepted, and thanks were given to Mr. Macmillan for his important services. A Home Mission Committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Crozier, Greig, and Morrison,—Mr. Crozier, Convener.

Leave of absence having been asked by Mr. Macmillan for at least two months during the summer, it was granted, arrangements having been made for the supply of his pulpit for the time.

A supplementary report was received and read from Mr. Straith, Paisley, of his labours in advocating the cause of the schemes of the Church in the several congregations of the Presbytery at the instance of the Foreign Mission Committee. The Report was received, and the Clerk instructed to convey the thanks of the Presbytery to Mr. Straith for his excellent services in the matter. The Treasurer reported that the Collections made at the meetings held for the purpose of hearing Mr. Straith had amounted to the sum of \$101.95.—expenses being deducted, to \$91.35,—which sum, as agreed to would be paid into the Foreign Mission Fund.

The Presbytery engaged in conference for some time on the subject of pastoral visitation, the conference being opened by Mr. Greig. Finding the interchange of thought and the communication of experience on such subjects interesting and profitable, they agreed to hold conference at next ordinary meeting on the Eldership—the duties of Elders &c.,—Mr. Cameron being requested to introduce the subject.

The following Commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly, namely: Messrs. Moffat, Duff, and Park, ministers, and James Allan, John Mc-