

BARRIE: Nov. 25:—Mr. Sieveright received sanction of Presbytery to appeal to friends of the Church for aid in erection of a manse at that place, and of churches at Allansville and Brunel. Contributions in aid of church and manse building in Muskoka and Parry Sound of \$50 from Crescent Street Church, Montreal, and \$114 from congregations in the bounds as thanksgiving collections were reported. Also a gift of \$60 from Barrie Sabbath-school to the Presbytery's H. M. Fund. A scheme for examination of catechists to be approved by the H. M. Committee was adopted. A committee was appointed to apportion to the congregations the amount expected from the Presbytery by the Assembly's Augmentation of Stipend Committee, and to define the duties of the recently appointed superintendent of missions in Muskoka, Algoma and Manitoulin in relation to this Presbytery. The name of Bonnington congregation was changed to Airlie. Mr. Findlay having accepted the appointment of superintendent of missions in Muskoka, Algoma and Manitoulin, he was loosed from the charge of Bracebridge & Co on 9th November.—R. MOODIE, *Clk.*

GUELPH: Nov. 18:—Conferences on the State of Religion, Temperance, and Sabbath-schools were appointed to be held at Berlin on the 20th of January and day following. Missionary deputations gave in their reports of the fulfilment of their appointments. Mr. Neil having signified his intention to accept a call from Toronto, his translation was agreed to. A petition from thirty-eight persons in and about Drayton was submitted, asking to be organized into a station, in connection with the Presbyterian Church, under the care of Mr. Edmison. The petition was received, and the Clerk instructed to take the steps usual in such cases.—R. TORRANCE, *Clk.*

HAMILTON: Nov. 18:—N. Pelham reported as a vacancy. Mr. Fenton's resignation of Vittoria was accepted. Dr. James laid his resignation before Presbytery, it will be considered at next stated meeting. Conferences on the State of Religion, Sabbath-schools, and Temperance were appointed. Arrangements were made for visiting all congregations in re Augmentation Fund. The remit on marriage with a deceased wife's sister was considered, and the judgment of the committee and the action recommended were unanimously approved. Regulations three and five for Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund were approved, the fourth was disapproved.—J. LAING, *Clk.*

HURON:—The Presbytery adopted a resolution approving of the recommendation of the Assembly's committee on marriage with a deceased wife's sister. A deliverance was unanimously adopted on the temperance question, expressing the gratification of the Presbytery that the County of Huron had taken a decided stand in favour of the Scott Act. The Presbytery recommends to the members and office-bearers within the bounds loyal adherence to the terms

and spirit of the Act when it becomes law, and that every endeavour be made to see that the provisions of the Act be carried out in their entirety.—A. MACLEAN, *Clk.*

LANARK AND RENFREW:—The Home Mission report was presented by Dr. Campbell and fully considered. A committee was appointed to draft a minute ament the death of Rev. Dr. Mann of Pakenham. Notice was given of a motion for the election of all commissioners to the General Assembly by ballot. Rev. J. Fraser Campbell was introduced to the Presbytery and gave an address on the wants and claims of Central India. The consideration of this subject was referred to a committee, who recommended that efforts be made to increase the contributions for Foreign Missions within the bounds. Arrangements were made for conferences on Temperance, Sabbath-schools, and the State of Religion; also for a meeting of the Women's Foreign Mission Society at next regular meeting.—J. CROMBIE, *Clk.*

Obituary.

MR. JAMES A. THOMSON, an elder of St. Andrew's congregation, Scarborough, died on the 28th of October. He was over 82 years of age, and was ordained an elder in 1844, during the ministry of Dr. George. Mr. Thomson was the first white male child born in the township of Scarborough. He was a man of rare intelligence and who discharged the duties of the eldership with great faithfulness and efficiency for over 44 years.

MR. ROBERT PRITCHARD, of Omemee, brother of the Rev. James Pritchard of Auburn, died in November last, aged 54. Also, Mrs. Morrison, wife of Mr. George Morrison, elder in the Presbyterian Church at Omemee. By the death of these two esteemed members the congregation has sustained a great loss.

MRS. BOYD, wife of Rev. James M. Boyd, B. D., of Beauharnois, Que., died very suddenly at the residence of her father, Mr. John N. Lazier of Northport, Ont., on the 21st of October.

MR. JOHN THOMPSON, an elder in St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, died very suddenly on the 28th of June last. He was noted for his hospitality, especially to the ministry, and was a faithful office-bearer in the Church. Two of his sons are also elders.

EDWARD SMITH, for several years a trustee and active supporter of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, died on that city on November 11th, aged 61. Although by preference a member of the Congregational body, he proved himself equally loyal in his new connection, when the church with which he had formerly been identified ceased to exist. He was a man of very large wealth, and, while he has left many liberal bequests to various charitable institutions, he has also remembered the schemes of the Presbyterian Church.