

The regular quarterly meeting was held at Peterboro' on the 4th of January. The Rev. Thomas Alexander was appointed Moderator for the ensuing year.

The Presbytery had some conference regarding the necessity and expediency of ordaining the missionary engaged in the Minden Mission District. It was finally resolved that meanwhile no steps be taken in the matter. Papers were read from the mission stations, giving interesting and satisfactory information respecting the work done there, and requesting that the labours of Mr. Reeve be confined to the four stations of Minden, Lennie's, Robertson's and Haliburton. It was resolved to record the satisfaction of the Presbytery with these statements, and to agree to the request of the stations sending in the report, that the supply of Kinmount be otherwise provided for.

It was unanimously agreed that the Rev. Principal Willis, D.D., be nominated by this Presbytery as Moderator of next General Assembly.

Mr. Mitchell gave notice that, at next meeting of Presbytery, he will move that the representatives of this Presbytery to the General Assembly shall be appointed in the manner following, viz., one half in order from the Roll of Presbytery, beginning at the head of the Roll, and the other half by election; and that all the elders be appointed by election.

WM. DONALD, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—This Presbytery held a special meeting at Owen Sound on the 22nd day of September, for the disposal of Mr. Stevenson's resignation of the pastoral charge of Owen Sound congregation. Messrs. John Creasor and George Cowper appeared as representatives of the congregation. These commissioners were heard, and an extract minute of a congregational meeting read, to the effect, "That, in view of Mr. Stevenson resigning his charge of this congregation, we agree to present to him one year's stipend." Mr. Stevenson having signified that he still adhered to his resignation, it was moved by Mr. Dewar, seconded by Mr. Brown, and agreed to, "That, as a man of decided talents, of high attainments, and excellent character; as a man of position in the Church, and of esteem among men; and as a man apt. by training, culture, and piety, to teach the oracles of God, there is every reason to decline receiving Mr. Stevenson's resignation of his charge; but in view of all the other circumstances brought under our notice, it may be expedient to accept his resignation, and dissolve the pastoral relation between him and Division St. congregation; and it is therefore moved that his resignation be accepted, and the relation at present existing between him and Division St. congregation of Owen Sound be dissolved."

Besides the high opinion which they, as already expressed in terms of motion, entertain of the talents and varied accomplishments of the Rev. Thomas Stevenson as a scholar, the Presbytery agreed to record their high opinion of him as "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth;" their commendation of the faithfulness and diligence with which he prosecuted his ministerial labours and pastoral duties; their satisfaction with the success that attended his ministry; their esteem and regard for him as a co-presbyter; their sense of the loss which they will sustain by his separation from them; and their earnest desire for his happiness and success in another field of labour.

Mr. Dewar was appointed Moderator of the Session, and the Presbytery resolved to provide as regular supply for the congregation as possible.

This Presbytery held its regular meeting at Owen Sound on the 21st December. The following are the principal items of business transacted.

Mr. Ker, from N. Sullivan, having stated that the congregation of N.S. intended building a church in that station, neighboring congregations were cited through their representatives to appear at next meeting of Presbytery, if they have any objection to such church being built.

Mr. Gauld reported that he had dispensed the Lord's Supper at Big Bay, and that the congregation there had elected elders, but he could not ordain them, not having been commissioned for that purpose. The report was received, and Mr. McInnes was appointed to visit the congregation, and inquire into the circum-