

Guelph, in connection with the late Canada Presbyterian Church, reported, showing the state of the fund. The report was received, and the diligence of the committee, especially of the Convener, commended. Another committee on Finance was then appointed. Mr. David McCrea was chosen Treasurer of the Presbytery. Mr. W. F. Clarke, a minister of the Congregational Church, appeared, applying to be received into the Presbyterian Church in Canada. It was agreed to appoint a committee to meet with him and examine him, and report at next meeting, and the Clerk was instructed to give him such employment among vacant congregations in the meantime as he may be able. Rev. J. G. Macgregor stated his adherence, as a minister without charge residing within the bounds, to the newly formed church, and his readiness to be useful in her service. Mr. Ball reported from the German Mission Committee of the late Presbytery of Guelph, showing the state of that Mission, and of the funds for its support. The report was received and a new committee chosen, to whom was referred a petition from Preston, one of the centres of operation among the Germans, for aid to build a church. The auditors appointed to examine the Treasurer's books, gave in their report, which was received. Mr. Ball gave notice that at next meeting of Presbytery he would move for the consideration of the changes proposed to be effected by the Council of Public Instruction for Ontario on certain school books authorized to be used in our public schools; for a remonstrance to be addressed to that body on the subject, and that an appeal be made to other religious denominations throughout the Province to join in all lawful measures against such innovations.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—This Presbytery held its first meeting in Mount Forest, on 13th July. After reading an extract minute of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, relating to the formation of the Presbytery, Mr. Park, Moderator, constituted the meeting. There were present fourteen ministers, the full number, and nine elders. Notice having been taken of the Presbytery's not being in possession of an extract minute of Assembly, relating to their formation as a Presbytery, a motion was submitted and carried, expressing regret at the want of such minute, and instructing the clerk to procure the same. Mr. McNeil was appointed Moderator for the ensuing year. Mr. Park was appointed clerk. Mr. A. C. Stewart, Licentiate of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., was received as a probationer of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. A call from Markdale and Holland, to Mr. J. A. McAlmon, probationer, with a promise of stipend of \$700 and free house, and of increase of stipend as circumstances shall permit, was presented and sustained. A petition was presented from Harriston for the formation of a new congregation there, consideration of which was deferred till an adjourned meeting, appointed to be held at Harriston on August 3rd at 4 o'clock. Mr. Robert F. Gunn, probationer, delivered his trial discourses with a view to his ordination to the charge of Huron and West Bentwick congregation to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, and his ordination was appointed to take place at Hanover on 27th July, at 11 o'clock. A Home Mission Committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Anderson, G. McLennan, Blain and Crosier, ministers; and Mr. Swan, elder. Mr. Anderson, convener. Mr. Anderson gave notice that at next ordinary meeting he would move an overture to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, for the appointment of a Mission to the Jews. Next ordinary meeting to be held at Durham on the 3rd Tuesday of September, at 11 o'clock.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—The Presbytery of Hamilton held its first meeting in St. Paul's Church. Mr. J. C. Smith was appointed Moderator, and Mr. Laing, Clerk. Calls from Binbrook and Saltfleet in favour of Rev. W. P. Walker, of Ancaster East and Alberton, and from the first congregation in St. Catharines in favour of Rev. G. Bruce, were sustained. A petition was received from St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, asking advice and recognition as a vacant congregation within the bounds. The request was granted, and Mr. Laing was appointed moderator of session. A committee was appointed to consider questions concerning church property within the