

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met on the 1st day of September, at Stratford, for ordinary business, when there were present eleven ministers and eight elders. Session records were ordered to be produced for examination at next ordinary meeting, and those concerned are requested to note this. The Presbytery's proportion of the Assembly's expenses for the current year was apportioned among the various congregations. Mr. Hall reported that he had preached at Biddulph, and declared the charge vacant as appointed. Mr. Findlay's name was removed from the roll, and the report of the committee appointed to prepare a minute in relation to his resignation was adopted in the terms following: "The Presbytery, in agreeing to a dissolution of the pastoral tie between the Biddulph congregation and the Rev. Allan Findlay, desire, in doing so, to place on record their high esteem for him as a brother who has won the entire confidence of his co-presbyters by his faithfulness in performing the work expected of him as a member of Presbytery, and attention to his duties as pastor of the congregation over which he has been placed these seven years. By his wisdom in counsel, amiability, and brotherly conduct, he has gained such a place in our affections that we feel much sorrow in parting with him. We pray that God, in his wise providence, may soon open up to him a sphere of usefulness where he may be still more blessed in the work of the Master, and at last may receive the commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Mr. Hamilton reported that he had moderated in a call at St. Mary's, according to appointment, and gave an account of his proceedings. His conduct was approved. The call, signed by 250 members and 266 adherents, was addressed to Mr. John McAlpine, of Wilber. Papers were read and commissioners heard as usual. Thereafter a paper, signed by 36 members, was read, urging certain reasons against the sustaining of the call. Parties were heard at length, and Presbytery agreed to sustain the call and forward the same as usual. Messrs. Robert Scott, A. H. Kippau, and John Johnston, students, delivered satisfactory exercises, and were ordered to be certified to Knox College. The Home Mission Committee presented a very satisfactory report, the vacant congregations and mission stations having had almost constant supply, and the mission stations having done well in the payment of those supplying them. The Assembly's Remits on Union, representation at its next annual meeting, its financial year, and the changing its constitution as to the time of appointing commissioners thereto, were unanimously approved. It was agreed to consider the statistical returns of Presbytery at next ordinary meeting. It was ordered that congregations and sessions reporting on the Remit on Union should forward their reports to the clerk before the 15th of next month. Presbytery adjourned to meet for ordinary business at Stratford on the 1st Tuesday of November, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

JOHN FOTHERINGHAM, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—This Presbytery met in Division Street Church, Owen Sound, on the 15th September. The principal items of business are the following: As since the last meeting of Presbytery the Rev. C. C. Stewart, M.A., of Division Street Church, Owen Sound, had been removed by death, the following committee, consisting of Messrs. James Cameron, convener, R. Dewar and A. McLennan, were appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the Presbytery's sense of the loss they have sustained in the death of their late brother. The Rev. J. M. Goodwillie, of Hespeler, having been appointed to preach to the congregation of Division Street on the last Sabbath of this month; it was agreed to instruct him to declare on that day the pastoral charge thereof vacant. Mr. Dewar was appointed Moderator of the Session of said congregation. Messrs. Nicol and Amos, students in theology and labouring within the bounds, appeared and delivered a lecture each on subjects previously assigned them, which were sustained, and the Clerk was instructed to certify them to the Senate of Knox College. Mr. Wrigley, as a student desiring to enter upon the first year of the literary course, was examined; his examination was sustained, and the Clerk instructed to certify him to the Board of Examiners of Knox College. A petition was received from Griersville station, praying to be united to some adjoining station. The following was the deliverance of the Court thereon: "The