

The amendment and motion being put, the motion was carried two to one.

Kirk Sessions and congregations are requested to report on the results of General Assembly to next meeting of Presbytery.

P. S.—The Rev. Alexander Urquhart has declined the call extended to him by the congregation of North Bruce.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—This Presbytery met on Tuesday, the 6th day of January, in Division Street Church, Owen Sound, the Moderator, Mr. Dwyer, presiding. A letter from the Rev. A. Stevenson, preacher of the Gospel, was read, signifying his acceptance of the call addressed to him by the congregations of St. Vincent, Sydenham and Euphrasia. Mr. Stevenson being present, underwent trials for ordination; these trials were most cordially sustained by the court. A meeting of Presbytery was ordered to be held in St. Vincent Church, on the 20th inst., at half-past ten o'clock, A. M., to ordain and induct Mr. S. into the pastoral charge of the above named congregations. Mr. Whimster was appointed to preach; the Moderator to address the Minister, and Mr. McLennan the people. Mr. Whimster was also appointed to serve the edict on Sabbath the 11th inst.

Mr. McNaughton gave notice that he would introduce at the next ordinary meeting an Overture to the General Assembly, on the revision of the Home Mission Scheme of our Church.

The Rev. R. J. Williams, a Minister of the American Presbyterian Church, made application to be received as a Minister of our Church. The Moderator and Mr. Cameron, with their representative Elders, were appointed a Committee to examine his papers and report at next meeting. It was agreed that a Conference on the State of Religion within the bounds, should be held next ordinary meeting.

The remit on the Basis of Union was ordered to be sent down to Sessions and Congregations for their consideration, with instructions to report thereon at next meeting.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting at Seaforth, on the 13th and 14th January. Mr. Young was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months.

A long time was spent in consideration of a case of reference from the Session of Duff's Church, McKillop.

The following members were elected Commissioners to the next General Assembly: Messrs. Ure, Ross, Fletcher, Brown, Grant, Ferguson, Hartley, Ministers. Matheson, Spence, Gardner, Agnew, Scott, Wilson, Strachan, Elders.

Mr. Thomas Thomson, student, read discourses, and underwent examination on Eschatology and Church History, all which were sustained.

On behalf of the Committee appointed to consider the Financial Returns, Mr. Gracy's report setting forth the average contributions per member and per family, &c. The report, which, on the whole, showed gratifying results, was received and thanks given to the Convener of the Committee.

Measures were under consideration for leading the people to increase their contributions. The remit on Union was thereafter taken up. After a long discussion, the following motion and amendment were submitted: Moved and duly seconded "That the Presbytery having taken into consideration the Assembly's remit anent Union, agree to adopt the proposed basis, approve generally of the resolutions accompanying it, and express the earnest hope that on said basis Union may speedily be effected."

Moved in amendment and seconded "That seeing we are already under covenant engagements and solemn vows regarding the Lord Jesus Christ as the only King and Head of His Church, and also as the King of Kings, this Presbytery disapproves of a Basis of Union in which no place is allowed to a distinct recognition of His glorious Crown Rights, and in which entangling relations to other churches are made a fundamental provision of the United Church."