

The auditor's report was submitted, adopted, and ordered to be printed. The Remit anent the change in the Financial year was considered, and approved of simpliciter.

A letter was read from the Rev. John Eadie, declining the call to Bayfield.

Mr. John McAsh, on behalf of the congregation of Bayfield, asked that a member of Presbytery be appointed to moderate in a call there *sine die*. The request was granted.

Messrs. Hector McKay, and Murdoch McLennan, elders, were appointed assessors with the Rev. John Stewart, to ordain elders in the congregation on the 7th line Kincardine.

A petition was read from West Church, Kincardine, anent separation, from Pine River—union with Knox Church, in that village—and the disposal of their Church property. A document containing resolutions of the congregation of Knox Church was also read, after which it was resolved to hold a special meeting of Presbytery in Kincardine, and within Knox Church there, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., to dispose of the matter.

A letter was read from Rev. Adam McKay of Culross, setting forth that the sum of \$21 is due to him by the Presbytery for Missionary services rendered previous to his settlement. It was decided to refer the matter to the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee.

Missionary Reports were read and approved of. A Financial Committee consisting of Messrs. McCuaig, Leask, Gibson and Matheson, was appointed, to whom to refer all claims against the Presbytery for settlement—Mr. McCuaig Convener. The appointments for the ensuing quarter were submitted and approved of. Mr. McLean resigned the office of Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee. The resignation was accepted, and Mr. McCuaig appointed Convener in Mr. McLean's place. Mr. Richard Irwin of Clinton was appointed Treasurer. The remit anent the reception of Ministers was approved of simpliciter.

The Remit anent the Foreign Mission was sent down to Sessions to be reported on immediately, in order that it may be considered at a meeting of Presbytery to be held in London during the sitting of Synod. The Remit anent the State of Religion was taken up, and after discussion the following motion was carried as the deliverance of Presbytery on the subject—

"The Presbytery, finding that very few of the Sessions considered the matter, are not prepared to give any report on the subject."

Messrs. McCuaig and Matheson were appointed members of the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. A Report on the Presbytery Fund was given by Mr. Hastie, which was received, and Mr. Hastie was re-appointed to attend to that matter. Messrs. Ferguson and Gibson were appointed members of the Assembly's Committee on Bills and Overtures. The Session Records of all the congregations within the County of Bruce in connection with this Presbytery, are requested to be produced at next meeting, for examination.

The next regular meeting is to be held in Kincardine, and within Knox Church, on the 2nd Tuesday of July, at 11 a. m.

ARCH. MACLEAN,
Presb. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—This Presbytery held its last regular meeting at Smith's Falls, on the 1st and 2nd May. There were present 10 ministers and 4 elders. The following are the principal items of business transacted.

The action of Messrs. Steele and Carswell in proceeding with the induction of the Rev. R. Stevenson into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Admaston, Douglas and Gratten, on the 25th April, in the absence of a quorum of Presbytery, was sustained, and Mr. Stevenson's name was added to the roll.

The following minute was passed expressing sympathy with Mr. Joseph White in the severe affliction which has lately befallen him in the loss of his partner in life:—