

Messrs. R. Hamilton (Minister) and Mr. Wm. Davidson, Elder, appeared as commissioners in support of the call. Mr. John Mather appeared as commissioner from Alliston, &c., and stated that if the acceptance of the call by Mr. Hislop was for his good, it would be selfish on the part of his present congregations to oppose his translation. Mr. Hislop, on being asked, decided in favor of the call, and submitted written reasons for his decision.

The following motion was agreed to:—"That, having heard the pleadings in this case, and the reasons of Mr. Hislop for deciding to accept the call, the Presbytery resolve that the connection between him and his present charge be dissolved; that the Moderator be appointed to preach to the people on the sixth day of November, and to declare the church vacant on and after the twentieth day of November, instant. Further, that the Presbytery cannot permit their esteemed co-Presbyter to leave their bounds without expressing their high sense of the earnest, zealous and self-denying manner in which he has labored in the Lord's vineyard; their devout acknowledgment of the abundant success vouchsafed to him by the Giver of every good and perfect gift; their gratitude to God for the harmony and fraternal feeling that have characterized their intercourse with their esteemed brother, and with one another; and their sincere desire for his temporal and spiritual welfare, and for tokens of the Lord's presence and blessing in his new sphere of labor; that the Presbytery also tender their cordial sympathy to the congregations of Alliston, Burns' Church, and Angus, under the loss of their beloved pastor, and recommend their case to the special consideration of the Home Mission Committee, with the view of their receiving a suitable supply of religious ordinances."

The arrangements for holding the annual Missionary Meetings were entrusted to the Home Mission Committee. The Clerk was requested to correspond with the Rev. J. MacTavish, with the view of connecting his visit, as the delegate of the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, with the several Missionary Meetings.

In consequence of the translation of Mr. Hislop, Mr. R. Rodgers was appointed Moderator of the Session of Alliston, &c., Mr. T. Wightman of the Session of Cookstown, Ivy, and Town Line, and Mr. R. Moodie of the Session of Carluke and First Essa congregations.

Mr. Rodgers was also appointed, in the lack of a Session, to take an oversight of the Stayner congregation, and to arrange for the election and ordination of Elders.

Owing chiefly to the pressure of business, the consideration of the proposal to endow a "Burns Chair" in Knox College was unavoidably postponed till next meeting.

JOHN GRAY, *Presb. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.—The Presbytery of Brockville met on the 1st Nov., at Kemptville. Nearly all the members were present; not much business of public interest was transacted. Several Committees gave in reports, which were all received and adopted. Next regular meeting was appointed to be held in Prescott, on the first Tuesday of February, at 7 o'clock P. M. Petitions for moderation in a call to a minister were granted to Prescott, Spencerville and Winchester respectively, and a minister appointed in each case to preach and preside. A letter was received from the Convener of the F. M. Committee, asking, among other things, whether or not the Presbytery would sustain the Committee in recommending the General Assembly to send a Missionary to the Foreign Field, and, if so, whether to India or to China. The following resolution on the subject was at length unanimously adopted, "That the Presbytery does not feel itself in a position to give a definite reply to the Communication of the F. M. Committee, until it receive returns from the various Sessions ament the remits of Assembly bearing on the same point." Mr. Burton, who had received a very cordial call from the congregation of Belleville, was