

on the state of religion; and at the deep interest that had been manifested therein, and their hope that by the blessing of God the conference may produce abundant fruit. Parties having been heard in the matter of Mr. Morrison's resignation of the charge of Fraser's Station, and the congregation promising to make good the minister's stipend, the resignation was accepted. A cordial and unanimous call from Hanover and West Bentinck congregation, to the Rev. James P. Baikie, was presented and sustained. The Rev. D. Fraser, M.A., Pricetown, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, and the Rev. E. B. Rodgers, Leith, of the same Church, being present at one of the sederunts, were invited to sit as corresponding members. It was agreed that at next meeting a conference be held on the subject of Sabbath Schools, and arrangements were made with that view. It was agreed that the conference occupy the whole of the afternoon sederunt (commencing at one o'clock,) of the first day of meeting, and at least part of the evening one, and that superintendents and all others interested be specially invited to be present.

WM. PARK, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—The Presbytery of Bruce held its quarterly meeting at Kincardine, on the 29th and 30th December. There were 13 ministers and seven elders in attendance. A call from Port Elgin and Dunblane in favour of Mr. Robert Thynne, was sustained and transmitted to that brother. The salary promised is \$800 with house, or \$900 without a house. The Rev. D. Duff, of North Brant, being present, was asked to sit and correspond. On application, the Rev. J. Straith was appointed to moderate in a call to a minister at North Bruce before the next meeting of Presbytery. Agreeably to petitions received, Underwood and Centre Bruce were united into one pastoral charge. It was resolved to supply the congregation at Ripley with gospel ordinances, and to appoint the Rev. J. Fraser with Messrs. D. Donald, Wm. Kay, and Jno. Morrison, its interim session. The congregations of Tara, Allanford, and Elsinore, were at their own request, formed into one pastoral charge. A call from the congregation of Florence and Dawn, in favour of the Rev. D. McKeracher, missionary at Prince Arthur's Landing, was considered. Mr. W. Webster, commissioner from the congregation and session of Florence and Dawn, and Mr. D. Duff, commissioner from the Presbytery of Clutham, were heard in its support. A communication being read from Mr. McKeracher intimating his non-acceptance of the call, it was laid aside. The next meeting of Presbytery is appointed to meet at Kincardine, on the second Tuesday of March, at two o'clock, p.m.

A. G. FORBES, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—This Presbytery met on the 12th January, within Division Street Church, Owen Sound. The Rev R. Dewar, in the absence of the Moderator, occupied the chair. The Convener of the Committee appointed to draft a minute, anent the death of the Rev. C. C. Stewart, M.A., submitted the following, which was adopted and ordered to be placed on the record of the Presbytery:—"In the death of the Rev. C. C. Stewart, this Presbytery has sustained a severe loss. For nearly four years, our departed brother held the position of pastor of the principal congregation within the bounds of the Presbytery. As pastor of that congregation, he proved himself an able, painstaking, successful minister of the gospel. By his freshness of thought, his singleness of purpose, and his faithful dealings with his flock, he won their esteem and love, and kept it to the end. As an author, his name is known beyond the bounds of our Presbytery, and beyond even our Province. As a member of this court, he took from his first entering amongst us, a deep interest in our mission work. Perceiving this, the Presbytery appointed him convener of the Home Mission Committee. He gave much valuable time to this work, the effect of which, to some extent, was to be seen in the rapid increase of settled pastors within our bounds. In his place in the Presbytery, he manifested a spirit of wisdom and moderation