

CHATHAM PRESBYTERY.—This Presbytery met in Wellington Street Church, Chatham, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 26th and 27th March. Mr Forrest, Moderator.

The attendance of members was large.

The following were the more important items of business before the Presbytery :

I. Mr. Walker presented a report as to the Sabbath School Conference which was held in Wellington Street Church, Chatham, on 20th February. The report was received and the Presbytery agreed that another conference should be held in Sept. or Oct., and a committee was appointed to make arrangements and report at the June meeting.

II. Messrs. Milligan and Forrest reported that they had attended and addressed missionary meetings throughout the bounds, the one in the eastern and the other in the western sections ; and that on the whole the meetings were successful. The reports were received and the thanks of the Presbytery tendered these brethren, as also to Messrs. McQuarrie and McKinnon, the representatives of the Foreign Mission Committee, for their diligence.

III. The clerk reported that he had written the Rev. W. Reid and Dr. Jennings in regard to the position and relationship of the congregation of Kankakee, Illinois, and had received a reply to the effect that the Kankakee committee had, under instructions from the Assembly, transferred the said congregation to the Chicago Presbytery of the American Presbyterian Church. On motion of Mr. Warden, the name of the Kankakee church was erased from the Presbytery's roll.

IV. The committee in the report of a committee consisting of Messrs. McColl, Becket, and McLaren, adopted a suitable minute with reference to the death of Mr. K. S. Loclore, student.

V. A minute was adopted expressive of the Presbytery's sympathy with their brother, Mr. McColl, under a heavy domestic bereavement with which it had pleased God to visit him.

VI. The following members were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly to meet in June next : Ministers, Messrs. Waddell and Becket, by rotation, and Messrs. McColl and King, by ballot. Elders,—Messrs. McLaren, Simpson, Laing and Webster.

VII. Messrs. Gray and Staniforth were appointed members of the Synod of London's Committee on Bills and Overtures ; and Messrs. Becket and Webster on the General Assembly's Committee on Bills and Overtures.

VIII. Mr. William Reid, M.A., of Toronto, was unanimously nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly.

IX. Mr. Warden was instructed to procure supply for the Mission Stations in the Presbytery for the ensuing summer ; and other routine mission work was carried through the Presbytery.

X. A petition was laid upon the table and read, from Sutherland's Corners, signed by 91 persons, praying for connection with Bothwell under Mr. Warden's pastoral care. Mr. Warden reported to the Presbytery that he felt it necessary that his present charge should now be divided, it being too large for efficient working, and suggested the propriety in having a regular station in Dawn to be worked along with Florence : and to expedite matters, he, at the suggestion of the Presbytery, tendered his resignation of the Florence branch of his charge. It was agreed to hold a special meet-