

servent prayer to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that He who was the God and Guide of their departed relative may guide them through life's chequered scenes, and give them to share at length in those heavenly joys on which they doubt not he has entered." Rev. Mr. Edmondson was appointed moderator of the session of the Church in Oshawa. Rev. Mr. Roger was appointed to preach the church vacant on Sabbath, the 14th inst. Rev. Mr. Thom read the report of the Committee upon Sabbath School statistics and conventions. The report was received, and the thanks of the Presbytery given to the Committee, and especially to the convener, Mr. Thom. At this stage of the proceedings a letter to the Presbytery from the Rev. Mr. Thom was read, stating that on account of a change in his views upon the doctrines taught in the confession of Faith, he could no longer consistently continue his connection with the C. P. Church; resigning his pastoral charge, and craving such certificate of personal character and of conduct in the ministry as to the Presbytery it might appear just and right to give. After Mr. Thom had been heard in explanation, a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Roger and McClung, was appointed to confer with him upon this matter. The Committee subsequently reported that they found Mr. Thom's mind so fully made up on the points alluded to in his explanatory statement, that no course was left open but, with great regret and great esteem for their brother, to accept his resignation. It was accordingly moved and carried: "That whereas Mr. Thom has laid before the Presbytery his resignation of his pastoral charge, and intimated that he does not now adhere to the doctrines of our standards, the Presbytery declares him no longer a minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and that he be furnished with a certificate of honourable dismissal from the ministry of this Church." Mr. Edmondson was appointed to preach at Port Perry and Prince Albert, to make such explanation as he considered necessary, and declare the pulpits vacant. The Rev. Mr. McClung was appointed moderator of the session, with power to moderate in a call when so requested. The Rev. Mr. Ballantyne was appointed to act as clerk until next meeting.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met in the usual place on Tuesday, 9th ult. The chief items of business transacted are the following: The commissioners to the Presbytery of Simcoe in the matter of the call from Charles Street congregation, Toronto, to Rev. R. D. Fraser, M.A., having reported that Mr. Fraser had accepted the call, and that the Presbytery had agreed to his translation, the Presbytery appointed his induction to take place on Thursday, 25th ult., at 2.30 p.m., Prof. McLaren to preach, Mr. Reid to preside, put the questions, and give charge to the minister, and Mr. Pettigrew to address the congregation. The Presbytery, finding that the sessions of the adjoining congregations had no objections to the organization of a congregation at Woodbridge, appointed Messrs. Pettigrew and Nicol, with Mr. Watt, elder, to organize the congregation at such time as may be convenient. Messrs. King, Cameron and Wallace were appointed a Committee to prepare a report on the state of religion, and it was agreed that when their report is presented, the Presbytery shall spend a portion of its time on matter that may be embraced therein. It was agreed to apply to the Home Mission Committee for a continuance of the grant to Mono, and for an increase of the grant to York Mills and Fisherville from \$50 or to \$100 per annum. Prof. Gregg reported on behalf of the commissioners to the Presbytery of Ontario in the matter of the call from Bay Street congregation, Toronto, to Rev. J. Smith, of Bowmanville, that the call had been declined. A paper from the session of Bay Street, asking for a commission of Presbytery to inquire into the circumstances of the congregation, and a petition, signed by 78 persons, members and adherents, asking to be organized as a separate congregation. After full consideration, the Presbytery appointed a commission to inquire into the circumstances of the congregation, and report at the first meeting of Presbytery.