

During the consideration of Home Mission business it was decided to ask a grant of \$3 per Sabbath for Consecon and Huntingdon. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Trenton, on the second Tuesday of January, 1872, at 7 o'clock p.m., Mr. Burton to preach at the opening services.

THOMAS S. CHAMBERS,  
*Presbytery Clerk.*

**PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.**—A regular meeting of this Presbytery was held in McNab Street Church, Hamilton, on second Tuesday of October. Present, thirteen ministers and nine elders. A call from the congregations of Beamsville and Clinton, addressed to Rev. John Marples, was sustained. A circular from the Foreign Mission Committee, was read, setting forth the special claims of that mission, and intimating the desire that the Presbytery would make arrangements for the reception of deputies about to be sent by the committee; when it was agreed that the Presbytery recommend to the congregations within the bounds, increased liberality, in order to meet the expenses of the extended operations of the Foreign Mission Committee, and co-operate with the deputations who shall visit the Presbytery, and afford them every facility with a view to the accomplishment of the ends contemplated. A committee consisting of Messrs. Simpson, Burson and Murray, was appointed to make all needed arrangements for the visit of the deputation.

On motion made by Mr. A. B. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Fraser, the Presbytery agreed to place on record an expression of their profound sorrow at hearing the mournful tidings of the almost complete destruction of the City of Chicago, involving great suffering on the part of many thousands of persons; and while expressing the deepest sympathy with the sufferers, the Presbytery commend the case to the active sympathy and liberal assistance of the Christian Public, and especially to the congregations within the bounds.

The following minute in reference to the death of the wife of Rev. George Cheyne was made:—"The Presbytery records its sincere and affectionate sympathy with their highly esteemed father, Mr. Cheyne, in the bereavement he has sustained in the death of his wife—the companion of many years of toil and pioneer labour in the Master's Vineyard. While the Presbytery rejoices in the assurance that the deceased mother in Israel has entered into rest, they deeply sympathise with their venerable father in the blank that is made and the solitude that reigns now on his hearth. They pray that the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ may comfort and sustain him till his work is done, and he enters into rest."

Mr. Robert Monteith, a licentiate of the Free Church of Scotland, having presented a commission from the Colonial Committee, was received into the Church. A call addressed to Rev. Andrew Milne, from Waterdown and Wellington Square, was sustained, and Mr. Milne being present, and having accepted the call, his induction was appointed to take place at Waterdown, on Tuesday, the 24th October.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in McNab Street Church, Hamilton, on Tuesday, 16th January next, and a conference on the State of Religion for the evening of that day, as also the following day and evening.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Waterdown, on Tuesday, the 24th October, at 2, p.m.

JOHN MACCALL,  
*Presbytery Clerk.*

**PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.**—This Presbytery met at Mitchell, Sept. 19th, Rev. A. Findlay, Moderator. Fourteen ministers and seven elders present. Mr. Macpherson reported that he and Mr. Croly had met the people at Mackay's School-house, according to appointment, that no certificates of membership had been presented, that managers had been appointed to attend to the secular