

This committee afterwards reported in favor of the application, and the Presbytery agreed to apply to the next General Assembly for leave to receive Mr. Perkins, and instructed their Clerk to issue the requisite notices to Presbyteries.

The Presbytery considered various matters connected with the congregations of Hawksville, Winterbourne, North Luther and South Luther and New Hamburg.

Mr. D. D. McLennan tendered his resignation of Waldemar, and it was resolved that the thanks of the Presbytery be given to them for the diligence shown and the labor undergone in attending to the business.

A report was received from the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts. The thanks of the Presbytery were conveyed to the committee and the report was ordered to be published for the information of the Presbytery.

The returns made to the Presbytery's circular on the state of religion was read, and the Clerk was authorized to prepare a digest of the same and submit it at next ordinary meeting, which was appointed to be held in Chalmers' Church, Guelph, on the second Tuesday of April, at nine o'clock forenoon.

In addition to the above business the Presbytery held a very interesting Sabbath School Conference, beginning on Tuesday evening, by a sermon from the Moderator, and extending over Wednesday. According to the programme which had been prepared by a committee appointed for the purpose, interesting addresses were given on assigned subjects by different speakers. A mass meeting of children was held on Wednesday afternoon. All the services appeared to be highly relished and well attended.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery held its quarterly meeting at Paisley, on the 30th and 31st Dec. A petition was read from Elsinore, praying for supply of ordinances, and Messrs. Mackenzie and Murray, Commissioners, were heard in its support. The Presbytery resolved to receive the memorial, but inasmuch as Elsinore has been supplied in connection with Allanford, in the Presbytery of Owen Sound, they cannot grant the prayer of the petition unless the Owen Sound Presbytery signify their mind that it be cared for by this Court. The Commissioners were instructed to apply to the Owen Sound Presbytery in order that their Presbyterian connection be defined.

A communication was read from the Rev. Archd. MacDiarmid, declining the calls extended to him by the congregations of Centre Bruce and Pine River.

The Rev. A. Tolmie was appointed, *ad interim*, Moderator of the Kirk Session of Tara.

The Rev. D. Cameron reported a call from Huron in favour of the Rev. A. F. McQueen, subscribed by 61 communicants and 468 adherents. The salary promised was \$700, manse and 50 acres glebe. The call was sustained, and Rev. D. Cameron was appointed to support the call on behalf of the Presbytery, before the Presbytery of Montreal.

It was resolved to hold a conference on the state of religion at the next meeting of Presbytery, said conference to be introduced by Rev. Messrs. Fraser and Anderson. The remit of General Assembly anent Union was considered; when it was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Cameron: "That this Presbytery rejoice to find a very strong desire among its members for the union of bodies of Christians declared to be of one mind in doctrine and church government, yet, as there are a number of esteemed brethren in the C. P. C. who strongly oppose union on the present basis, some of whom declare that they cannot receive it, the Presbytery agree to declare that another effort should be made by the General Assembly to secure some deliverance to be inserted in said basis, so as to meet the conscientious views of these brethren, and thus secure a harmonious union."

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. John Straith, and seconded by the Rev. D. Wardrope: "That this Presbytery, finding that there is substantial harmony between the Churches negotiating for union, in doctrine, discipline, Church government and worship, regard the proposed basis as embracing all that is necessary to govern the United Church, and therefore approve of the same."