

consider the question, "What are the best means of promoting a revival of religion in our churches."

The Clerk intimated to the Presbytery that his congregation, having kindly granted him leave of absence for four months, to visit Britain, he desired leave of absence for that period from the end of April. The request was unanimously granted. Mr. Lowry to act as Clerk in Mr. Cochrane's absence. (Communications on Presbytery business from 26th April to end of August should be sent to Mr. Lowry.)

The Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Balmer reported that they had evidence of Mr. Balmer's Christian conduct since his suspension, and of his deep contrition and repentance on account of the sin and dishonour done to the cause of Christ, and that his replies to questions put by the Committee, both in spirit and in manner, were such as to impress the Committee very favourably." On motion, duly seconded, the report was received, and ordered to lie on the Presbytery table until the next ordinary meeting in May.

Mr. MacMillan gave in a Report from the Committee on Sabbath profanation, containing suggestions as to the best means to reach the end contemplated—among others, correspondence with the various Presbyteries situated along the line of the Great Western Railway; preaching on the subject of the sanctification of the Sabbath, and the holding of public meetings to petition the Legislature to suppress the running of trains on the Lord's day. On motion, the Report was adopted, and the Clerk was instructed to correspond with the Presbyteries mentioned.

Rev. Arch. Cross, of Erskine Church, Ingersoll, resigned his pastoral charge, at the same time giving his reasons for this step. The Presbytery agreed to cite the Kirk Session and congregation of Erskine Church to appear for their interests at the next meeting of Presbytery, in River Street Church, Paris, on Tuesday next, the 23rd inst., at 11 a. m.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet at the above mentioned time and place.

WM. COCHRANE,
Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—The Presbytery of Stratford met at Stratford, on the 19th January last. Rev. Robert Hall, Moderator. There were eleven Ministers and six Elders present.

Mr. David B. Whimster was received as a Student Catechist, and appointed to supply Burns' Church, East Zorra, until the end of the current quarter, and a Committee was appointed to superintend his studies preparatory to his entering Knox College next Session.

The Circular respecting the State of Religion was again remitted to Church Sessions, to report at an early date to a Committee (Mr. Boyd, Convener), that the Committee may bring up a full report to the next Meeting of Presbytery.

The remit anent a General Assembly was approved of with the following alterations:—That the General Assembly shall consist of one-half, instead of one-third of the Ministers and Elders on the roll of Presbyteries, and that Presbyteries shall make up a roll of the Ministers and Elders elected and appointed, instead of granting commissions separately, and that one-half of the number appointed shall be taken by rotation, and the other half by selection, and that the Presbytery of Kingston should be in the Synod of Montreal instead of the Synod of Toronto.

A Committee was appointed to report respecting the Stipends of Ministers within the bounds of the Presbytery, and a Committee to report upon the act for the reception of Ministers.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Stratford, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of March, at 11 a.m.

WILLIAM DOAK, *Presbytery Clerk.*