

PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie, on Tuesday, 24th March. Ten Ministers and three Elders were present. Mr. Ferguson's resignation of the charge of Knox Church, Oro, was accepted after hearing of parties. Mr. D. B. Cameron was appointed to preach and declare the Church vacant on Sabbath, April 12th; and Mr. Fairbairn to act as Moderator of Knox and Guthrie Sessions. In view of parting with Mr. Ferguson, the Presbytery adopted a resolution recording their sorrow in separating from a brother with whom much pleasant intercourse had been enjoyed, and whose attendance had been so regular; their esteem for him as a Christian and as a Minister, faithful and diligent in the discharge of the duties of his office, though tried with peculiar difficulties; and their prayer that he may speedily find another sphere of labour and have abundant success in the work of the Ministry.

The Session Records were called for; and having been examined by Committees, were attested in accordance with the reports.

A form of Constitution adopted by the Congregation of Stayner and Sunnidale, was presented for the sanction of the Court, and being slightly amended, was approved.

Reports of Sessions, 17 in number, in answer to the circular of Assembly's Committee on State of Religion, were taken into consideration, and received. A resolution in connection with them was framed and ordered to be transmitted along with an abstract of the Reports to the Clerk of Synod.

Post-cards were read notifying the purpose of the Presbytery of Montreal to apply for leave to receive Mr. Gavin Sinclair, of the Free Church of Scotland, into the Ministry of this Church, and of the Presbytery of Chatham to make the same application on behalf of Mr. Fred. Smith, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The following were chosen representatives in the General Assembly: Messrs. W. Fraser, Gray and Rodgers, M. Fraser, and McKee, Ministers; Messrs. Dallas, Morris, McCraw, Simon, Fraser, and McWhinney, Elders.

An overture on church accommodation in Muskoka was introduced and adopted. It set forth the deficiency of such accommodation; the efforts made to provide it in raising money among the settlers and from friends outside; the inability of the people of the district to meet all the expenditure required to complete the plans in operation for supplying Churches; and overtures the Synod to authorize an appeal to all the Congregations in its bounds which may lead to the acquisition of the funds necessary.

It was agreed to apply to the Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly for supplement asked by two Congregations, and for aid in maintaining ordinances in the numerous Stations in the large Mission field of the Presbytery.

The next regular meeting to be held at Barrie, on Tuesday, July 7th, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

ROBERT MOODIE, *Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery met on the 14th April. The following Commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed:—By rotation—Messrs. Little, Goodwillie, D. McDonald, D. D. McLennan, and by election, Messrs. Wardrope, Bentley, Middlemiss, and Anderson, Ministers; and Messrs. McCrea, Douglas, Ferrier, Lutz, Cranston, Campbell, Wood and Dr. McGuire, Elders. A conference was held on the State of Religion. Mr. Cameron declined call to Thamesford, and Mr. McGuire accepted that to Jarvis and Walpole. A call was sustained from West Paslinch addressed to Rev. J. McNabb, formerly of Manitoba. Mr. Ball was nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly, but at his urgent request the nomination was not pressed, and Mr. Wardrope was then unanimously nominated. Arrangements were made for the ordination of Rev. W. Kay, appointed missionary to Sault Ste Marie. It was agreed to apply to the General Assembly for leave to take on trial for license Messrs. Fisher and McRobbie.