

Auditors reported and furnished a detailed statement of the arrears due the Ordinary Fund of the Presbytery. The Statistical Reports and Financial Statements of congregations in the bounds were examined, and explanations required of those representatives present whose congregations were in default to one or more of the schemes of the Church. The committee appointed at last ordinary meeting to arrange for the S. S. Conference, fixed to be held in Knox Church, Acton, on the second Tuesday of January next, presented their report, consisting of a programme of subjects to be discussed at said Conference. After consideration it was agreed that the report be received, and that the Committee be re-appointed with instructions to procure statistical information from the Sabbath Schools in the bounds, and make all other necessary arrangements for rendering the proposed Conference interesting and profitable. In pursuance of a previous appointment the Committee on the State of Religion reported a number of topics for discussion, which were approved by the Presbytery, and made the subjects of a very pleasant conference, immediately on the commencement of the afternoon sederunt. Mr. Neil Currie was taken on trials for License, and was duly Licensed to preach the Gospel. Mr. Torrance reported that he had appeared before the Presbytery of Chatham in prosecution of the call given by the congregation of Duff's Church, East Puslinch, to Mr. Alexander McKay, of Elmira, Illinois, U. S.; and that that Presbytery had unanimously agreed to allow the translation to proceed. It was thereupon agreed that the Presbytery meet in East Puslinch, on Tuesday, 30th Oct., at 10 o'clock a. m., for Mr. McKay's induction. Mr. Smellie reported from the Committee on the superintendence of students in the bounds, when it was agreed that the report be received, that the Committee be commended for their diligence, and that, when necessary, Presbyterial certificates be furnished to those students requiring the same. The congregation of Knox Church, Galt, petitioned for a moderation in a call, which they proposed to give to a minister—promising a salary of two thousand dollars. The petition was granted, and Mr. Ball appointed to preach and moderate on Tuesday, the 29th inst., at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. In accordance with a report submitted by the Committee, the Presbytery arranged for holding a series of missionary meetings, having missionary sermons preached in the different congregations under their care.

The Presbytery next proceeded to hold a conference on the State of Religion, and, having spent some time in the same, taking for the subjects of conversation certain topics recommended in the report of their Committee, formally agreed that when in the judgment of ministers and sessions, continuous religious services are desirable, the Presbytery approve the holding of such meetings, and that the whole matter, including the questions discussed, be sent down to sessions for consideration and report. The Committee appointed to visit Elmira, Hawkesville and Winterbourne, and to confer with Mr. Thomson, with the view of uniting the above congregations into one pastoral charge, reported. After deliberation, it was agreed that further consideration of the matter be delayed till next ordinary meeting, and that these congregations be summoned to appear then for their interests. The case of North Luther congregation, involving difference of opinion respecting the site on which they should erect their new church, was next taken up. Mr. Anderson and Mr. D. D. McLennan were heard. Papers bearing on the case were read. After deliberation, it was resolved that a Committee be appointed to visit all these stations to ascertain all the facts of the case, and report to the Presbytery at their next ordinary meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting be held in Knox Church, Acton, on the second Tuesday of January, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m. A report of the Mission Supply for the summer half-year, with the amounts paid by, and the claims against, the different vacancies and Mission Stations, was submitted by the Clerk, received and considered. The Clerk reported the amounts he had received to aid in the erection of a new church at North Luther, when he was instructed to hand over the sum to the Presbytery Treasurer, to be retained by him till authorized to pay the same to the proper parties. The Clerk further reported the amount of supply for the vacancies and Mission Stations, granted by the Distribution Committee for the quarter. An application from a number of