

and overtures. The Rev. Thomas McPherson, of Stratford, was nominated Moderator of the next Assembly.

Messrs. D. B. Whimster, Convener, McInnes and Stevenson were appointed Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery. The conference on the state of religion was postponed to an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held on Monday after the 2nd Sabbath in May, at 10 o'clock, a. m., within Division Street Church, Owen Sound. Sessions which had not yet sent in answers to the queries on the state of religion, were required to send them in before the adjourned meeting. The next regular meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of July, at 10 a.m. and within Division Street Church, Owen Sound.

D. J. McINNES, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The Presbytery held its quarterly meeting at Ingersoll, on Tuesday the 24th February. The following are the more important items of business transacted. Circular letters were read from the Presbyteries of Montreal and Guelph, intimating their intention to apply at the next General Assembly for liberty to receive Mr. Gavin Sinclair, a Licentiate of the Free Church of Scotland, and Mr. John Henry Perkins, a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

The Rev. Mr. Wright, of Ingersoll, was elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

Rev. Mr. McQuarrie was appointed Moderator of East Oxford Church, *pro tem.* Mr. Wm. Kennedy appeared as Commissioner for East Oxford Congregation, requesting the Presbytery to moderate in a call for a Minister to that Church at an early date. The request was granted, and Mr. McQuarrie appointed to preach, and moderate in a call on Thursday, 12th, at 11 a. m.

Mr. John Leishman, a Probationer of the Church to the Lower Provinces, and designated by said Church to the Canada Presbyterian Church, was received as a Probationer within bounds, and his name ordered to be transmitted to the Committee of Distribution.

Leave was granted the congregation of Erkskine Church, Ingersoll, to sell the old church building and apply the proceeds towards the reduction of the debt on the new edifice.

Mr. Lowry was granted leave of absence for four months from 1st of May, to visit Great Britain, the Presbytery cordially agreeing to assist in supplying his pulpit in his absence.

Messrs. Inglis, Wright and Aull, (by rotation) and Messrs. McTavish, McMullen and Grant, (by ballot) were elected representatives to the next General Assembly.

Messrs. Sutherland, Whitelaw, R. Kerr, Davidson, Watson and Alexander, were appointed representative Elders.

Messrs. Jas. Robertson and Farries were appointed a Committee to prepare the Presbytery's Report on the State of Religion, and submit it at next regular meeting. Kirk Sessions were instructed to report to Mr. Robertson, Paris, on or before 25th March.

In the evening an interesting Conference on the State of Religion was held, which was largely attended by the Christian public. The topics discussed were the following:

I. Family Religion.—Its state amongst us. How may it be improved, introduced by a very telling and practical address by Mr. McQuarrie.

II. Church Discipline.—Is it at present lax or not in our denomination? What are some of the influences that operate to arrest its administration in a scriptural manner, if any? Is private dealing being substituted too much for direct sessional action? Ably introduced by Mr. McMullen.

III. Public Morals.—(1.) Sabbath observance. Mr. Robertson, of Chesterfield, introduced this subject by reading an interesting paper he had prepared. (2.) Intemperance. Rev. John Thomson, of Ayr, took the lead in this subject,