

A report was handed in by the Committee appointed to visit the congregations of Knox, Willis, and Guthrie Churches, Oro, anent the arrears of stipend due by them. It was received, and the diligence of the committee commended.

In regard to Knox Church, it was found that during the past seven years the arrears had amounted to \$980.13, of which the pastor had cancelled \$587.68. In sanctioning the arrangements made for the liquidation of the arrears the Presbytery passed the following resolution:

"They, moreover, cannot refrain from taking notice of the self-denyng and disinterested liberality of Mr. Ferguson, in presenting to the congregation the large sum of \$587.68—a gift which must have entailed great privations upon him; and they earnestly press it on the attention of the congregation, as an example to them, both to devise liberal things for their minister, and to share with him the burden of the sacrifice which he has so generously made."

The circular from the Foreign Mission Committee, laid over from the November meeting, was considered. It was, after reasoning, moved:

"That, without expressing any decided opinion regarding the points submitted by the committee, earnest efforts be put forth and measures adopted by this Presbytery to foster and increase a missionary spirit, especially in regard to foreign missions."

It was moved in amendment:

"That the Presbytery recommend that Mr. G. L. Mackay be sent as missionary to a foreign field, and that China or India be selected as such field, according as the committee may in their wisdom determine."

The amendment was carried.

It was moved:

"That the Rev. W. Gregg, M. A., minister of Cooke's Church, Toronto, be nominated by this Presbytery as Professor of Systematic Theology in Knox College."

It was moved in amendment:

"That the Rev. D. Inglis, minister of MacNab Street Church, Hamilton, be nominated as such Professor."

The motion was carried, and Mr. W. Gregg was nominated accordingly.

Various missionary reports were handed in.

A minute of the Presbytery of Toronto was read consenting to take charge of the Mulmur and Melancthon Mission Stations. The Clerk was instructed to make the necessary application to the Synod of Toronto.

In connection with the visit of the Rev. J. McTavish, as Deputy from the Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly, the Presbytery agreed to the following resolution:

"In connection with these (missionary) meetings, the Presbytery desire to express their high sense of the arduous labors, and earnest and able addresses of the Rev. J. McTavish, the Deputy appointed by the Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly. They feel constrained to speak, in the highest terms, of the admirable and effective manner in which the claims of home missions were advocated by him, and they cherish the hope that his spirit-stirring addresses have left impressions destined to bear fruit in producing both a deeper interest in and an augmented liberality to the mission cause."

Mr. W. Fraser, of Bond Head, was nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly to be held in Quebec in June.

JOHN GRAY, Presbytery Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE met within the Barrie Presbyterian Church, on the 14th March 1871. Six Ministers and four Elders were present. The minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

The following deliverance was agreed to, anent the resignation by the Rev. Jas. Greenfield, of the congregation of Bowmore, &c.