

Mr. Knowles' resignation of the pastoral charge of Osprey congregation was taken up. Parties having been called, there appeared the following Commissioners from the congregation, namely, Messrs. Archd. Thom, H. Meldrum and John Ingster. Mr. Knowles appeared for himself. Mr. Knowles stated that he had resolved to resign his charge only in consequence of the difficulties with which, in the providence of God, they had had to contend,—a conclusion to which he had come with much reluctance. The Commissioners expressed their attachment to their minister, and their great regret, as well as that of the congregation, at the prospect of losing his services; but Mr. Knowles' mind being made up, they did not make any opposition to the acceptance of his resignation. Parties having been removed, after deliberation and prayer, it was moved by Mr. Park, seconded by Mr. Turnbull, elder, and agreed to, That the Presbytery, having heard parties in the case and having fully considered it, express their sympathy with Mr. Knowles and with Osprey congregation in the difficulties with which they have had to contend, and under the circumstances accept of Mr. Knowles' resignation,—Mr. Knowles' charge of the congregation closing after Sabbath next. Mr. Cameron was appointed Moderator of the Kirk Session, and Mr. Knowles to intimate to the congregation the finding of the Presbytery on the following Sabbath.

In connection with the case, the following minute was submitted and unanimously adopted: The Presbytery, in accepting Mr. Knowles' resignation of his charge, hereby express their regret at parting with their brother, their sense of his faithful labours in the congregation of which he has had charge for a number of years, and of his services as a member of Presbytery, as also of the pleasant and profitable intercourse they have had with him in private, and their hope and prayer that he may soon find another sphere of usefulness, and be greatly blessed of God in all his future work in the ministry.

WM. PARK, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery met at Clinton, on the 9th and 10th days of January. Mr. Goldsmith was elected Moderator for the ensuing six months. On the report of a deputation appointed to visit Pine River, setting forth that said station agreed to raise among themselves the sum of \$400 for the support of a settled pastor, it was resolved to put Pine River on the list of vacant charges, and to apply to the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee for a grant of \$100 per annum, for two years, in the event of their giving a call to a minister.

Mr. Forbes brought the state of his field of labor before the Presbytery, requesting a division of said field. A deputation was accordingly appointed to visit Kinloss, Riversdale, &c., to confer with the people respecting the division of the field and other matters, and to report at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery, to be held at Ainleyville, on the first Tuesday of February next.

A petition from the congregation of Bayfield, praying for a separation from Bethany, was taken up, when it was agreed that a special meeting of Presbytery be held at Bayfield, on the 23rd inst., to dispose of the matter.

It was agreed to overture the General Assembly to erect a new Presbytery comprising all the congregations and mission stations within the bounds of the County of Bruce, and to be called the Bruce Presbytery. Notice of this overture to be given to all the Presbyteries affected by it.

It being intimated to the Presbytery that the deputation of the Foreign Mission Committee were not coming to attend the meetings which had been appointed for them, it was resolved as following: "The Presbytery regret to find that the deputation from the Foreign Mission Committee are not to make their appearance after arrangements having been made for their visitation; and in the circumstances the Presbytery enjoin the brethren in whose congregations meetings were appointed to be held, to endeavor to make such arrangements as may prevent their congregations from being dissatisfied." The clerk read an extract minute of the Commission of Assembly appointed to dispose of the