

to urge the people there to greater liberality. (Thamesville has agreed to reduce their individual share of the supplement by \$30 per annum.)

3. *Amherstburgh and Buxton*—The consideration of the grant to these was delayed till next regular meeting.

The Home Mission Report was read by Mr. Warden, the Convener. It was of a very encouraging nature, showing evident marks of progress in the various stations. At Mersea the labors of the Catechist seem to be blessed, 18 having recently been added to the communion roll, 13 of these by profession of faith; and at present a neat church is being erected. At Dover, a handsome brick church is in prospect, and owing to the tax on the people in connection with this, the Presbytery resolved to grant the prayer of a petition from them, and apply for \$2 per Sabbath, from the Home Missionary Committee, for this station during the ensuing months.

Principal Willis was nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly.

Mr. Lahore, a member of the Bothwell congregation, applied to be received as a student, and after a creditable examination, was taken under the care of the Presbytery, and subjects of study prescribed for the summer, with a view to his entering Knox College next fall.

The report of a deputation appointed to confer with East and West Tilbury congregations as to a separation was received, commissioners were heard from East Tilbury in favor of it, and a petition received from East Tilbury for a moderation in a call. After full discussion, it was resolved, on motion of Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. King, that a special meeting of Presbytery be held in the church, East Tilbury, on Thursday, 10th February, at 1 o'clock p.m., to determine the question of separation (to which the congregations be cited); that the Presbytery agree ad interim to grant the moderation, and at said special meeting proceed with said call or otherwise, as may seem fit.

R. H. WARDEN, *Pres. Clerk.*

A special meeting of the Presbytery was held in East Tilbury on Thursday, 10th February, at 1 p.m. Commissioners being heard from both East and West Tilbury, it was resolved to sever the connection between the two congregations. The Presbytery then agreed to proceed with the moderation in a call in Tilbury East; and after the usual exercises, Mr. William Forrest was unanimously called. Stipend offered, \$500 per annum. The Presbytery afterward sustained the call, and ordered it to be forwarded. It was resolved to unite West Tilbury with Mersea for the present.

R. H. W.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—At a quarterly meeting of the Presbytery, held in the beginning of February, it was agreed unanimously to nominate Principal Willis, as Moderator for the ensuing meeting of the General Assembly.

A petition, with a reply to it, came up from Boston Church, Esquimes. Parties were here heard, and, after some discussion, it was agreed to hold a special meeting of Presbytery, on an early day, in the Church just named, and to take such action as might be thought fit.

It was agreed to take up remits from the Synod held in June last, and to choose members for the General Assembly at the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, which was appointed to be held on Monday, the 4th of April, at 1 p.m. These two matters would have been attended to at the meeting just reported on, had it not been for the large amount of time occupied by a conference, and of which the following is a brief report:—

Conference on the State of Religion. This conference was held by ministers, elders, deacons and managers in connection with the Presbytery of Toronto, on the 1st and 2nd of February. Mr. Gregg was chairman, and Mr. Monteath acted as Clerk. The place of meeting was Knox Church, Toronto; and nearly ninety members were present, if not at all, yet at one or more of its diets.

The first diet was opened with prayer by Mr. Dick. Thereafter Mr. King, as Convener of a Committee appointed at a meeting of Presbytery, read a report