

by each of the city Sessions—Mr. King to be convener—and to report as soon as convenient.

R. MONTEATH, *Pres. Clerk.*

P.S.—Besides the foregoing, a conference on Sabbath-school work was held in the afternoon and evening of the 2nd, and in the forenoon of the 3rd of February, all arranged by a committee of Presbytery. The attendance of superintendents, teachers, and Sabbath-school friends, as well as of ministers, was considerable, especially at the evening diet. And it is believed that the addresses given, the papers read, and the discussions engaged in, were productive of not a little good.

R. M.

PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE.—On Tuesday, 2nd February, a meeting of this Presbytery was held at Barrie, attended by twelve ministers and four elders. After reports on the Missionary meetings recently held, were read, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Rodgers, Gray and Cameron, was formed to prepare a plan for the meetings to be held next winter; the Committee to report before end of September. An application from the stations of Tay and Melontie for services during the summer, was granted. Six dollars per Sabbath are promised by the Station for payment of supply. There was read a communication from Mr. Marples, Missionary in Muskoka, which intimated his intention to resign the field on the expiration of his engagement, and set forth a "Scheme of Church Finance," to which the attention of the Presbytery was requested. The communication was held over to next ordinary meeting, which Mr. Marples is invited to attend. Mr. Hugh Gray presented a certificate of License, on August 6, 1880, by the Presbytery of Belfast, of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and put himself in the hands of the Presbytery for whatever duty might be assigned to him. He was empowered to conduct public worship within the bounds when his services may be in request. Arrangements were made for the induction of Mr. Jno. McLean, late of the Presbytery of Montreal, into the charge of Knox Church, Oro, on Wednesday, 17th inst. Mr. Gray to preside and address the minister; Mr. Cameron to preach and address the people in Gaelic, and Mr. Fairbairn to address the people in English. Intimation was received by a telegram that the Presbytery of Toronto had sustained a call from the Charles Street congregation, Toronto, in favour of Mr. R. D. Fraser, M.A., of Cookstown, Townline Essa and Ivy. The Presbytery agreed to meet at Barrie, on Tuesday, 16th inst., at 11 a.m. to dispose of the call. Mr. Thos. McKee was appointed to serve citation upon the Sessions and members of Mr. Fraser's congregation, and to leave with them reasons for proposed translation. The Committee, formed about two years ago, for putting bibles with psalms and paraphrases at low prices within easy reach of the Presbyterian population of the bounds, was directed to close its operations as soon as possible, with a view to its being discharged. At the same time another committee was formed to consider whether the object aimed at in the appointment of the former, may not be secured by means which will not involve the Presbytery in the work. It was agreed to convey to F. W. Cumberland, Esq., Manager of the Northern Railway, the thanks of the Presbytery for his kindness and that of the Company in issuing "Clergymens' Certificates" for the present year, and thus continuing a privilege which the members of Presbytery have enjoyed for some time past. Sessions were directed to send in replies to circular on the state of religion to the next ordinary meeting to be held at Barrie, Mar. 30, at 11 a.m. The proposed modification of the Constitution of the General Assembly, was approved. Messrs. Rodgers, Fairbairn and M. Fraser were appointed a Committee to arrange for a Convention on Sabbath Schools. On motion of Mr. W. Fraser, it was unanimously agreed to nominate Principal Caven of Knox College, Moderator of next General Assembly.

ROBT. MOODIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Ingersoll, on the 16th inst. In the absence of the moderator, Rev. John McTavish was appointed moderator, *pro tem.* The Rev. John Aull, of Ratho and Innerkip,