

1st Minute, anent Mr. Inglis' resignation. "The Presbytery feel constrained to express their deep sense of sorrow that their worthy brother, the Reverend Walter Inglis, has seen it to be his duty to demit his pastoral charge of the united congregations of West Church, Kincardine and Pine River. The loss which we sustain by his departure is a serious fact. By his apt counsel and christian bearing, he has endeared himself to all the brethren who have had the pleasure of familiar intercourse with him, and the dissolution of these ties which for years united us together is much felt. We cannot help noticing with interest and delight the warm attachment of his congregations to him, and the reluctance with which they parted with him. And we would offer the earnest prayer that our common Lord and Master would more abundantly bless his labours to promote the spiritual welfare of the Church and advance the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in any other sphere in which the providence of God may direct his lot, and that he may long be spared to minister the glorious gospel of Christ Jesus the Lord and to adorn the doctrines of God our Saviour by his walk and conversation."

2nd Minute, anent Mr. McDonald's resignation:—"The Presbytery, in accepting Mr. McDonald's resignation of his pastoral charge, would put on record the sense they entertain of the zeal, ability and success with which he has discharged his duties to the congregation placed under his charge, his readiness at all times to aid brethren of the Presbytery, and his punctuality and attention as Clerk of Presbytery and Convener of the Home Mission Committee. They would also desire to express their deepest sympathy with him in the afflictions which led to his resignation, and their fervent prayer that our Lord Jesus, the Great Head of the Church, would be pleased to sanctify to him—to his family—to his congregation—and to the Presbytery this afflictive dispensation of His providence, and bless the means employed for its removal, and that he may be soon restored to former strength and usefulness in the Church."

ARCH. MACLEAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE.—This Presbytery met within the Barrie Presbyterian Church, on the 2nd November, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Eight ministers and two elders were present.

A call from Bradford and West Gwillimbury, in favor of Mr. D. B. Cameron, was laid on the table and sustained.

Application was made to form a congregation at Cookstown; it was signed by forty persons.

Mr. W. A. Johnston, of Willis Church, was allowed to withdraw his resignation of that charge, commissioners therefrom having compeared and agreed to use every effort to liquidate the past arrears, and to provide for his future support.

The resignation of Mr. Hislop of one-half of his charge, embracing the congregations of Carlisle, Town Line and Ivy, was accepted, and Mr. Wightman, the Moderator, appointed to declare them vacant on the 14th November. The Presbytery at the same time took occasion to express sympathy with these congregations in the loss of their pastor, and engaged to use every effort to provide them with suitable supply. (It may be mentioned that this new charge is ripe for an immediate settlement, guarantees a stipend of six hundred dollars, and affords a desirable and promising field of labor for an energetic minister.)

The resignation of Esson Church by Mr. Gray was meanwhile allowed to lie on the table, an amicable arrangement having been made with the congregation by which his services are considerably lessened.

The conference on the state of religion was postponed until the queries to be issued by the Synod of Toronto are received. Instead thereof, a conference was held on the state of the Home Mission Field within the bounds, in the course of which the fact was elicited that two hundred dollars were at once required to meet the claims due for summer labors.