

The Clerk directed attention to a resolution passed by the Presbytery in May last, to hold another conference on the state of religion during the ensuing winter. After some consideration, it was agreed to hold a second conference in Knox Church, Toronto, at the time of next ordinary meeting, and that a committee be appointed, consisting of Mr. King, Convener, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Reid, Mr. Thomas Drysdale, Mr. Wm. Kerr, and Hon. J. McMurrich, to make all necessary arrangements there anent.

The next meeting of Presbytery was then appointed to be held on the third Tuesday of January, at 11 a.m., when Session Records will be called for, and Assembly Remits considered and disposed of.

R. MONTEATH, *Presbytery Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE.—This Presbytery met within the Barrie Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, the first of November.

Eight Ministers and only one Elder were present.

A letter was read from the Rev. W. Wright, M. A., complaining of certain parts of the decision of Presbytery in his case. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of his letter.

The Committee appointed to deal with Mr. Luke G. Henderson reported that they had presented to him a course of Theological Study. They were instructed to continue their oversight of his studies.

Home Mission business occupied a considerable portion of time.

A committee, consisting of the Moderator, Convener, the Clerk and Mr. D. B. Cameron, Ministers, and Mr. Thomas Dallas, Elder, were appointed to visit and deal with the congregations in arrears of stipend.

It was agreed to request the Presbytery of Toronto to take charge of the mission stations at Mulmur and Melancthon, on the ground that that Presbytery are, from their position and circumstances, more favorably placed for overseeing and attending to the wants of these stations.

The question anent the transference of the Muskoka Mission to the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, was postponed till next meeting.

The application of Mr. St. Croix for employment in the Mission Field was considered, and, as the Presbytery have no field within their bounds suitable for a minister of his age and capacity, they declined availing themselves of his services.

Mr. Roderick Henderson's application to be recognised as a student preparing to enter Knox College, and to be employed in the Mission Field, was referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. T. Wightman, Convener, and J. Ferguson, Ministers, and Mr. J. Ross, Elder. Their report, which recommended that Mr. Henderson be received as a student and employed as a catechist, was adopted.

Messrs. W. Fraser and D. B. Cameron were appointed to superintend his studies.

Mr. W. A. Johnston laid on the table his resignation of the pastoral charge of Willis Church. It was laid on the table till next meeting in February, and intimation was ordered to be made to the congregation in the usual way.

A circular letter was read from the Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, requesting the opinion of the Presbytery on the two following points, viz.:—(1). Should the Committee recommend to the General Assembly to accept of the services of Mr. G. L. Mackay, Licentiate, as a Foreign Missionary, and (2). If so, to what field should he be sent? There being no leisure to consider such grave matters, their consideration was deferred till next ordinary meeting in February; and ministers were further recommended to bring them before their respective sessions. It was suggested that the circular should be published in the RECORD.

There was submitted a call from Avon Church and Carlingford congregations in favor of the Rev. John K. Hislop, of Alliston, &c.