

Mr. Gauld, in reporting on Home Mission matters, stated that there were ten dollars due Mr. Danby, student, from Oxendon, which that station was unable to pay. Application was ordered to be made to the Home Mission Committee for that sum.

A petition from Knox Church, Sydenham, was read, setting forth the claim of that congregation to certain Church property, on Union Street, Owen Sound, and praying to be heard before this court. Mr. Hugh McKay was heard, as Commissioner from the congregation. It was resolved, that the consideration of this petition be deferred till next meeting, and request the congregation of Division Street, Owen Sound, to appear by representation; and further request said Division Street congregation not to sell any more of the property, under dispute, till notified by this court.

Messrs. Fairbairn and McKae, students, underwent part of their probationary trials for license, and subjects for their remaining trials were given them.

The Presbytery adjourned, to meet again at Owen Sound, on the last Tuesday of September, at two o'clock, p. m.

ALEXANDER FRAZER,  
*Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE met within the Barrie Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, 4th July, at eleven o'clock, a.m.

Nine ministers and seven elders were present.

The minutes of 25th April and 3rd May last were sustained.

Mr. J. Ferguson was elected Moderator for the ensuing twelve months.

The discourses of Mr. Thos. McKee, permitted to be taken on trials for license by last General Assembly, were formally prescribed to him.

After hearing the report and explanations anent the demission of the charge of Cookstown, &c., by Mr. G. Burnfield, the Court granted him permission to withdraw his resignation.

The ministerial commissioners to the General Assembly reported that they had attended said Assembly.

The elders appointed, as commissioners, stated reasons for their non-attendance, which were accepted as sufficient.

The decision of the Synod of Toronto, in the case of Mr. Thomas Burgess, having been read, it was decided, in terms thereof, to send him a certificate of membership up to date.

It was intimated that with the sanction of the above-named Synod, the Mission Stations of Mulmur and Melancthon had been transferred to the Toronto Presbytery.

By authority of the General Assembly of 1870, Mr. James Stewart was received as a Minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

A financial statement was submitted from Knox Church, Oro, showing that the stipend had been fully paid, from 1st January to 30th June, 1871, and that the debt had been reduced.

It was also intimated, that the arrears, considered due by Willis' Church to their late pastor, had been paid up.

The Court expressed its gratification that such favorable reports had been given in.

Authority was granted to Mr. G. Caw to take the usual steps for appointing elders at Wyebridge and Penetanguishene.

The claim made by Mr. J. Greenfield, against the Bowmore Congregation for \$472.61, as arrears of stipend, was, after lengthened deliberation, dismissed, from there not being any substantial ground to support its rightfulness.

A similar claim against the Stayner Congregation for \$109.00, was postponed until fuller information regarding it has been obtained.

Application was made by Bowmore and Stayner Congregations, to be reunited into one pastoral charge, as formerly.