

to declare these churches vacant on the 11th inst.; to make application to the committee of the Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund, for a grant in favour of Mr. Paterson; to retain his name on the roll of Presbytery, and to appoint a committee to draw up a suitable minute in reference to his resignation. The Presbytery heard a portion of the discourses prescribed as trials for ordination to Mr. Thomas F. Fotheringham, now under call to Norwood and Hastings. It was agreed that the Presbytery should meet at Norwood on the 21st inst. to hear the remaining trial discourses, and if these were found satisfactory, to proceed with the ordination on that day. Mr. Andrew F. Tully, who had been transferred from the Presbytery of Montreal, was, after the usual trials, licensed as a preacher of the Gospel. The Presbytery proceeded to dispose of the call from Chalmers' Church, Montreal, to Mr. Mitchell. The Rev. John Scrimger appeared as commissioner from the Presbytery of Montreal, and Messrs. A. C. Clark and James Wilson from the Session and congregation of Chalmers' Church. Commissioners also appeared from the congregations of Millbrook and Centreville. Numerous signed petitions were handed in from the congregations last named, asking the Presbytery to retain Mr. Mitchell in his present charge. After the commissioners had been heard, Mr. Mitchell asked the advice of his brethren, which was freely given. Mr. Mitchell thereafter addressed the court, stating in effect that he considered it his duty to accept the call. The Presbytery thereupon agreed to release Mr. Mitchell from his present charge, and appointed Mr. Ewing to declare the churches of Millbrook and Centreville vacant on the fourth Sabbath of July. Mr. Ewing was also appointed Moderator of Sessions during the vacancy. Messrs. McLennan, Douglass and Donald were appointed a committee to superintend the Home Mission work of the Presbytery. Mr. Donald to be Convener.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—The first meeting of the Presbytery of Lindsay took place at Lindsay on the 13th ult., Rev. A. Currie, Moderator. Nine ministers and eight elders were present. The Moderator, on taking the chair, read the extract minute of Synod constituting and defining the bounds of the Presbytery, and also the roll of the Presbytery. Mr. J. A. Murray was elected clerk, *ad interim*. Rev. A. Currie was elected Moderator for the ensuing year. A committee to superintend missions within the bounds of Presbytery was appointed, consisting of Messrs. J. L. Murray and McNabb, ministers, and D. McRae, and J. C. Gilchrist, elders. Application was made for admission to the Church by Rev. D. McGregor, of the Congregational Church at Manilla. A committee was appointed to confer with him and report at a subsequent sederunt. The report, when presented, recommended that the Presbytery receive the application, that the usual circular letters be written, and that Mr. McGregor be employed in the service of the Church. In the meantime a call from Cambray and Islay in favour of Mr. Macdougall of C. B., was laid on the table. The call was ordered to lie on the table in the meantime, till the members of the Glenarm congregation have an opportunity of joining in the call. Documents bearing on the amalgamation of the two congregations in Lindsay were taken into consideration, with the resignations of the two ministers, so that the united congregation might be free to elect a minister. Several members spoke of the high esteem in which both ministers were held, and of the sacrifice they were making in tendering their resignations. It was agreed that the congregations be summoned to appear for their interests at a meeting to be held at Lindsay on first Tuesday in August. Arrangements were made for the dispensation of the Lord's Supper at several mission stations.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—The first meeting of this Presbytery was held at Barrie, on Tuesday, 6th July. Present, seventeen ministers and twelve elders. The Rev. W. Cleland, the Moderator appointed by the Synod, took the chair, and led in the devotional exercises. Thereafter Mr. Cleland was elected moderator for the ensuing twelve months. Mr. R. Moodie was appointed Clerk, with salary of \$60 for first year, and Mr. D. McDonald was appointed Treasurer. Home Mission Committee was appointed as follows: Mr. R. Rodgers, Convener,