

**PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.**—This Presbytery met at Stratford on the 12th April. Of the fifteen ministers belonging to it, fourteen were present, together with nine elders. Mr. John Fotheringham was unanimously appointed permanent Clerk of Presbytery. A petition in a call at Avon Church, Downie, was granted, to take place on the 11th May. Mr. Hugh Blair being present, was invited to correspond. The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to Mr. J. W. Mitchell for his services as Clerk *ad interim*. Circular letters from the Presbyteries of Simcoe and Ottawa were read, intimating their intention to apply to the General Assembly for leave to receive as ministers of the Canada Presbyterian Church Mr. Jas. Stewart, formerly of Knox Church, Oro, and Dr. Freeland, of the Associate Reform Church, U. S. It was agreed to recommend great caution in regard to the reception of Dr. Freeland. The Committee appointed to visit Burns Church and vicinity reported their visit, and action in the premises was deferred till next meeting of Presbytery. The appointment of ministers to be Commissioners to the General Assembly was taken up, and it was agreed "That half the number of Commissioners be appointed by rotation, beginning at the top of the Roll, and half by election; that, in case of an odd number, it be decided by rotation; and, in case of any one appointed by rotation declining the appointment, that the next on the Roll be appointed in his stead." Messrs. McPherson, Meldrum and Boyd were thereafter, by rotation, appointed Commissioners, and Messrs. Hamilton and Waters by election. Five elders were appointed Commissioners, viz.: Messrs. M. Ballantyne, Avonton, M. Laughton, St. Mary's, Millbank, Wm. Fotheringham, Woodham, and Alex. Scott, Shakespeare. Rev. A. T. Hartly, of the Methodist New Connexion Church, applied to be received with a view to his becoming a minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church. He was received accordingly, and a committee appointed to superintend his studies. A report on the state of religion was given in, which, upon the whole, was encouraging. Messrs. Hamilton, Hall, Waters and Findlay were appointed a Home Mission Committee for the ensuing year, of which Mr. Waters was to be Convener, and with whom communications on the supply of vacancies require to be made. It was agreed to issue the commissions to members of the ensuing General Assembly all in one document.

JOHN FOTHERINGHAM, *Presb. Clerk*.

**PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.**—This Presbytery met in Woodstock, and within Knox Church there, on the first Tuesday of May. There was a full attendance of ministers and a good representation of the eldership. The Rev. Robert Hume, of St. George, took the Moderator's chair, according to his election at a previous meeting.

Circular letters from the Presbyteries of London, Hamilton and Toronto were read and minuted.

A petition for moderation in a call from Erskine Church, Ingersoll, was received, and the request granted. Mr. McMullen was appointed to this duty on the 20th day of July, at 2 p. m.

The further supply of the Beachville pulpit came under the consideration of the Presbytery. The Presbytery agreed to request Mr. McDiarmid, of Woodstock, to take charge of the Beachville congregation, on the understanding that said congregation pay at least the sum of \$2 per Sabbath, and that the Presbytery apply to the Home Mission Committee for an equal amount.

The case of Mr. Stitt, a minister of the United Brethren, who applied for reception into the Canada Presbyterian Church during the year, was again before the Presbytery. It was agreed to reconsider the case at the next regular meeting of Presbytery in August; and the Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Stitt of this decision, in order that he may be present.

Mr. Cochrane submitted the following Overture, for transmission to the Assembly.