

Mr. Wardrope gave notice that when the remit on the appointment of a Mission Agent, or Secretary should come up at the next ordinary meeting, he would move that the appointment of such an agent be recommended, and that Mr. Torrance be nominated by this Presbytery as one qualified for that office.

A committee, consisting of Mr. J. K. Smith, Convener, Mr. J. F. Dickie, and Mr. J. M. Goodwillie, with Messrs. Rutherford, Dalgleish, and Sheriff Davidson, was appointed to make arrangements for holding a Presbyterian Sabbath School Convention, and to report at next ordinary meeting.

Reports of Missionary services rendered in the bounds by Messrs. Holmes and Hamilton were read and the requisite action thereon taken.

The prospectus of a set of blank registers for recording the progress and state of Sabbath Schools, with a specimen of annual summary, was referred to the Committee appointed to arrange for holding a Sabbath School Convention for their consideration and report.

On the report of the Committee appointed to examine the young men who had presented themselves at last meeting as students with a view to the Ministry, it was agreed that the Clerk certify them to the Board of Examiners for Knox College, that they may have their position assigned them in the curriculum.

The Committee appointed to examine the written homilies of the theological students in the bounds reported that these exercises gave proof of ability, and recommended that the students be encouraged to prosecute their studies. The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

On motion, it was agreed that the meeting in Arthur be an adjourned meeting. Next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in Chalmer's Church, Guelph, on the second Tuesday of November, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

The Clerk was instructed to get printed cards for notifying members of the times and places of meeting, to send one to each Minister two or three weeks before each meeting.

The roll having been called and marked, there were found present, Mr. Anderson, Moderator; Messrs. Wardrope, Torrance, Ball, Smith, H. Thompson, and Davidson, Ministers; with Messrs. Rutherford and McRae, Ruling Elders.

The Sederunt closed with the benediction.

ROBERT TORRANCE, *Pres. Clerk.*

THE PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—The Presbytery of Bruce held its first meeting at Paisley, on the 6th and 7th August. The Rev. John Fraser, Moderator, having read an extract minute of the General Assembly anent the erection of the Presbytery of Bruce, proceeded to constitute it with praise reading the word and prayer. Mr. Forbes was appointed Presbytery Clerk. Mr. Fraser was chosen Moderator for the ensuing twelve months. The Rev. John Scott, of London, and the Rev. D. J. McInnes, of Allensford, being present were asked to sit, and corresponding Commissions were read from the following Kirk Sessions of North and Centre Bruce, Southampton and Port Elgin appointing respectively as their representative Elders, Messrs. Edward Brown, John P. Tuily, and John MacCulloch. These Commissions were sustained and the names of these brethren added to the roll.