

Mr. Young having submitted a Scheme of Presbyterial visitation, the Presbytery appointed a Committee to consider it and to report.

Sessions were instructed to send the returns on the State of Religion to the Clerk of Presbytery by the first day of March next.

It was agreed to appoint Commissioners to the General Assembly, at the meeting of Presbytery at Montreal, and in Presbyterian College there, on the first Wednesday of April next.

JAMES WATSON, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—This Presbytery held its last regular meeting at Osgoode, on the 3rd and 4th February.

*Inter alia*.—A petition was received from 138 members and 75 adherents, nearly all of whom were in connection with Knox Church, Ottawa, praying to be organized into a congregation. The Presbytery agreed to take the necessary steps in order to grant the prayer of the petition, and appointed an adjourned meeting to be held within Knox Church, Ottawa, when the matter would be brought to an issue.

A Presbyterial visitation of the congregation of Osgoode was held and a deliverance in regard to it adopted, which expressed satisfaction with the improved financial condition of the congregation as evinced in the large amount raised for Church building and the increase of the Minister's stipend; but urging a much larger degree of liberality towards the schemes of the Church, and that the congregation would only do what is becoming in them, what is fully within their means, and right to their Minister were they at once to raise his stipend to \$1,000. The Presbytery also expressed satisfaction with the spiritual state of the congregation, though there is nothing marked in the way of spiritual blessing of recent record.

At the close of the visitation a conference was held upon the subject. "Every one should have a place in the Church of Christ and occupy it; every one should have a work in the Church of Christ and do it." Mr. James Whyte was nominated as Moderator of the Synod of Montreal, and Mr. Joseph White, Minister, and Mr. Neil McKinnon, Elder, were appointed to represent the Presbytery on the Synod's Committee of Bill and Overtures.

The following Commissioners were appointed to the ensuing General Assembly:—Ministers, by rotation, Messrs. Burns, McDermid and Whillans; by ballot, Messrs. McEwen, James Whyte and Moore; Elders, Messrs. George Hay, John Hardie, Alexander Mutchmor, S. S. M. Hunter, John McMillan and David Wylie.

The Rev. Thomas Wardrope was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly, and Mr. James Whyte, Minister, and Mr. S. S. M. Hunter, Elder, were appointed representatives on the Assembly's Committee of Bills and Overtures.

The remittant Union was taken up and on the basis with accompanying resolutions being read, it was moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. McEwen, that the Basis of Union, as remitted by the Assembly and now read, be approved *simpliciter*. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Mutchmor, that inasmuch as many esteemed members of this Church have desired and still desire a recognition of the Headship of Christ in the Basis of Union; and, whereas, the Union Committee was instructed by the Assembly of 1872, to endeavour to secure such a deliverance as shall meet the views of all parties in this Church, and report to next Assembly; and seeing that the Committee failed to do so, and as the minds of very many remain unchanged on this point, as well as being dissatisfied with part of the resolutions, the Presbytery deem it inadvisable to enter into Union until a greater unanimity prevail on the whole question. A vote being taken the motion was carried, 11 voting for it and six for the amendment. Sessions and Congregations were instructed to forward their returns on this remit to the Clerk of Presbytery before the 31st March, and Sessions to report in regard to the remit on Foreign