

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—The Presbytery of Guelph, in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church, met on Tuesday, the 8th ult. There was a large attendance of members, and a great amount of business was transacted, but as some of this was not of general interest, we refrain from noticing it. A report was read from the deputation appointed at a previous meeting to visit Winterbourne, Hawksville and Elmira, and to confer with the members and adherents of the congregation there as to the most efficient plan for overtaking the spiritual destitution existing. The Report set forth that the deputation had visited the places named and made all necessary inquiry into the circumstances and desires of the people, and closed with the following recommendation: "1st. That in accordance with the expressed desire of the various stations, and as the wisest course in existing circumstances, Winterbourne be set off as a separate congregation by itself, and Hawkesville and Elmira as another congregation. 2nd. That every effort be made to provide these places with regular Sabbath supply of the preached Gospel. 3rd. That for the next six months at least, the Presbytery should meet the expenses of such supply in Elmira and Hawksville, so that these stations may put forth every effort to sweep off the existing debt on their new churches." The report of the deputation was received, and the thanks of the Presbytery given them for their diligence. The recommendations were adopted, and the Clerk was instructed to bring the claims of Hawksville and Elmira before the Synod's Home Mission Committee, and to ask them to grant from the fund at their disposal the sum of \$150, for the payment of pulpit supply in these places during the next six months. Provision was then made that members of Presbytery should preach in these stations on successive Sabbaths till the end of May. In compliance with a request from the Church at Winterbourne, Mr. Traver was appointed to moderate in a call to a minister on such a day as he may see fit before the next ordinary meeting. An application from the managers of the congregation at Alma, to raise by mortgage on the new manse property, \$1000, was declined in the meantime, on the ground that the congregation had not been consulted at a congregational meeting, as required by the Act of Parliament respecting the Union.

A committee appointed for the purpose at the forenoon session reported the following minute on the death of Mr. W. T. Murdoch, which was approved and ordered to be engrossed among the records of Presbytery, and the Clerk was instructed to send copies to the congregation of Melville Church, Galt, and to Mr. Murdoch's nearest relations, "That this Presbytery would bow with all dutiful submission to God in the painful and solemn dispensation of his Providence which has removed from them their late brother, Mr. W. T. Murdoch, of Melville Church, Galt, who departed this life on the twenty-first day of January last; would record their recognition of the gifts and graces with which he was endowed and which qualified him to be an acceptable and useful servant of Christ in the Gospel; of his attainments in the knowledge of scripture doctrine, being a scribe well instructed to the Kingdom; able to bring out of his treasures things new and old, and of the promise of his being, had he been spared, eminently successful in all the work of the New Testament ministry; they would also testify to the faithfulness with which he attended the meetings of his court since the date of his ordination, to the interest he evinced in the business transacted, and to the benefit derived from his clear and judicious counsel; they would express their deep and unfeigned sympathy with the Session and congregation of Melville Church, Galt, in the loss they have sustained; with his children, who are now cast without father and without mother on the care of their Father in heaven, and with his relatives in this country and in other lands; and they would breathe the prayer to Almighty God that He would sanctify to each one of them the taking away their brother in the midst of his days, when his talents and increasing experience warranted the expectation of still greater success in his ministerial labours, that He would incite them to still greater zeal and devotedness in their official duties as Ministers and Ruling Elders, and that He would enable them, through the outpouring of His spirit, to do with all their might whatsoever their