

pray that the great Head of the Church may open up for him a new sphere of labor in some other part of his vineyard, in which he may exercise all gifts and graces for the glory of God and for the good of man."

The Presbytery held an ordinary meeting on the 16th September, within Division Street Church, Owen Sound.

A circular letter was read from the Finance Committee of Assembly, informing the Presbytery that the sum of \$51 was assigned it as its share of the amount required for the Assembly Fund. It was resolved to raise the above sum by a *pro rata* contribution per family.

Mr. Straith, Student in Theology, delivered a discourse on the words, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world," which was approved. Messrs. Nicol and Wrigley appeared and delivered discourses on Luke 10, 2, and Ps. 55, 22, respectively, which were sustained. The Clerk was instructed to certify Mr. Straith to the Senate of Knox College, and Messrs. Nicol and Wrigley to the Board of Examiners of Knox College.

Mr. Stewart, from the H. M. Committee, gave in a report of the mission work performed during the past summer. There were annexed to the report the following recommendations:—

1st. That a pastoral letter be issued by the Presbytery, calling the attention of congregations to the necessity of contributing more liberally to the schemes of the Church.

2nd. That Ministers in settled charges give a day occasionally to vacant congregations. The recommendations were adopted, and the duty of issuing a pastoral letter was entrusted to the H. M. Committee.

A telegram was received from Mr. Whimster, accepting of the call to Meaford congregation. An adjourned meeting of Presbytery was ordered to be held at Meaford on the 14th day of Oct., to hear Mr. W's. trial discourses, and in the event of these being sustained to proceed to ordain and induct him on the following day, at 11 a.m.

Applications for supplements were received from the congregations of Meaford, Big Bay and Sarawak. These applications were considered and ordered to be transmitted to Assembly's H. M. Committee. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held at Owen Sound on the 1st Tuesday of January next.

D. J. McINNES, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery held an adjourned meeting in Chalmers' Church, Winterbourne, on the 22nd July. After full opportunity had been afforded to the congregation to state the reasons which had led them to conclude that they were no longer able to pay the salary promised to their Minister when they called him, it was resolved that a Committee be appointed to meet with the congregations of Elmira, Hawksville, and Winterbourne, and to confer with Mr. Thomson, with the view of ascertaining if these congregations might not be formed into one pastoral charge.

On the 2nd October the same Presbytery met *pro re rata* in Chalmers' Church, Guelph, to consider the resignation by Mr. Thomson, of his charge of Chalmers' Church, Winterbourne, as he was purposing to accept an appointment from the Home Mission Committee to Silver Islet as a missionary. After mature deliberation, in the course of which it appeared that Mr. Thomson adhered to his resignation, although he had changed his mind as to going to Silver Islet, it was agreed to loose him from his charge. Mr. Davidson was appointed to preach at Winterbourne and declare the pulpit vacant, and to act as interim Moderator or Session. Mr. Thomson's name was ordered to be reported to the Distribution Committee for appointments.

The Presbytery of Guelph met again, in this town, on Tuesday the 14th October. There was a large attendance of both Ministers and Ruling Elders. Auditors were appointed to examine the Treasurer's books, which were laid upon the table. At a subsequent stage of the proceedings the