

sent religious and financial condition of the congregation. They would notice with special approbation the healthy state of the congregation—the fact that during the whole of its existence, now somewhat over two years, the Session has not been called to exercise discipline on any of its members; and that the work of the congregation has been carried steadily forward, notwithstanding the special difficulties they have had to contend with, in the experiment of building up a new congregation; and the entire success with which their efforts have been crowned.

The Presbytery would note with satisfaction the spirit of liberality and self-denial which has appeared in the efforts of the congregation in the support of the ministry, and the erection and finishing of a new church, and they sincerely trust that they may abound in this grace more and more. The Presbytery would, however, affectionately commend to the Session the division of the congregation into districts, and the duty of the Eldership to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the spiritual condition of the adhering families, with special reference to the observance of family worship, and the godly training of the young. In conclusion, the Presbytery would affectionately commend pastor and people to the grace of God, praying that he may be fully restored to health, and that he and they may be strengthened and encouraged in the work in which they are engaged, and that as they have begun, so they would steadily strive to walk worthy of the Lord, unto all well-pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all might according to His glorious power, and that great grace, mercy and peace may be upon them all.

A call was laid upon the table, to the Rev. A. Rowat, from the congregations of Russel and Gloucester, and after the commissioners had been heard, it was sustained.

On the following morning the Presbytery met in the church in Ramsay, and after sermon by Mr. Tait, entered upon the visitation of that congregation. The usual questions were put, and at the conclusion the following finding was agreed to:—"The Presbytery desire to express their gratification with the present state of the Ramsay congregation as represented by the different representatives at this examination. The attention to Sabbath School instruction, and the interest taken in the young, are worthy of commendation. They also express satisfaction with the general good feeling and cordial co-operation among office-bearers and people. At the same time they would earnestly recommend that there be more direct and systematic effort of the Elders in visiting the members in their respective districts; that the congregation be urged to the cultivation of the spirit of liberality, and suggest that benefit would be found from systematic giving to the schemes of the Church. It is also recommended that some means be taken to render the external appearance of the church more attractive. Finally, the Presbytery commend pastor and people to the God of peace, who is able to keep them from falling and to preserve them faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy."

It was agreed to make application to the General Assembly for leave to receive as a minister of this Church the Rev. William Freeland, LL.D., minister of the associate Reformed Church, U.S., and the clerk was instructed to issue the usual circulars.

Messrs. Crombie, White and Steele were appointed a committee to examine the remits of Synod anent the Board of Examiners, and the Reception of Ministers, and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Moore's resignation of the office of Convener of the Home Mission Committee, of which notice had been given at the previous meeting, was accepted, and the thanks of the Presbytery tendered to him for the efficient manner in which

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he had fulfilled his duties. Mr. Carswell was appointed to fill his place.

In consequence of the amount of space taken up with receipts of moneys, &c., we are compelled to leave over the proceedings of several Presbyteries, which are in type.