

the Church. The report was interesting and valuable, and showed the ratio of giving, for some years, for the advancement of Christ's cause to have varied considerably; in some cases advancing, in others rather the reverse. To be considered at a future meeting. There was also the report of a Committee on Sabbath schools, and in addition to ascertaining something definite as to their state and operations, to report as to the propriety of a Presbyterial S. S. Convention. An interesting view was presented of the state and progress of these invaluable institutions. The report was laid over for fuller completion from additional returns, and the Committee was re-appointed, with the addition of three members, with instructions to make arrangements for the holding of one or more Presbyterial Conventions within the bounds. The Presbytery was occupied a length of time in considering the resignation of Mr. Cross. The Congregations and Sessions having been cited, commissioners from both places were present, and were fully heard. The report of the committee above alluded to was read, embodying a resolution of the Newton congregation to the effect that Mr. Cross' removal would, in their opinion, be disastrous to the congregation. Other papers were also read from members of the congregation, expressive of their views on the case. The members of the Presbytery having, in a general manner expressed their views, were quite of one mind as to the course to be pursued; and the following motion by Mr. Ballantyne, seconded by Mr. Calder, was unanimously adopted, viz.: "Seeing that the members of the Newton section of the charge are unanimously of opinion that the resignation of Mr. Cross would be disastrous to their interests, and that at a congregational meeting at Newcastle, a majority of two-thirds expressed their confidence in their pastor, and that evil was likely to follow his resignation; and further, that a memorial from the Newcastle congregation, largely signed by members and adherents, has been laid before the Presbytery expressing approval of Mr. Cross as their pastor; the Presbytery recommends the withdrawal of the resignation—the cultivation of a spirit of greater confidence towards the minister, and that both pastor and people strive for the restoration of harmony for the sake of our Church and of the cause of Christ." Mr. Cross thus intimated that, having before placed himself at the disposal of the Presbytery, he would, in deference to their opinion, withdraw his resignation. Appointed next meeting of Presbytery to be held at Port Perry, on the first Tuesday of March, 1875, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

R. H. THORNTON, *Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—The Presbytery of London met in the First Presbyterian church, on the 15th of December, 1874. The following are the items of business transacted. A call was sustained from English Settlement, and Proof Line congregation to Rev. Mr. Thynne, a probationer of this Church. The village of Lorne was separated from the New Glasgow congregation and connected with the congregation of Argyle Church, Aldboro'. Fraser Church, Biddulph, was separated from Lucan and connected with Granton, within the bounds of the Stratford Presbytery. The Presbytery were engaged for a whole sederunt in considering a petition from Strathroy congregation in reference to one of the Elders there. It was agreed to remit the matter back to the Session, with instructions regarding the case. Every congregation is instructed to have a missionary meeting held, and report thereof prepared before next regular meeting. Mr. Davidson, Elder, was appointed Treasurer of Presbytery. Mr. Scott tendered the resignation of his charge of St. Andrew's, London. The Presbytery resolved to cite parties to appear for their interests on the first Tuesday in February next. The London Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting in St. Andrew's church, London, on first Tuesday of February, 1875, at 11 a.m. Next quarterly meeting in First Presbyterian church, London, on third Tuesday of March, 1875, at 11 a.m. Mr. Thompson, Sarnia, gave notice that at next regular meeting he would move that the Presbytery be divided, and a new Presbytery formed, comprising the congregations between London and Sarnia.—GEO. CUTHBERTSON, *Clerk*.