

PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.—This Presbytery held their ordinary quarterly meeting at Durham on Sept. 13th; Mr. McMillan, Moderator. There were present all the ministers and four elders.

The Moderator expressed to Mr. Greig the pleasure the Presbytery had in seeing him again after his return from the old country, and on finding his health so much improved.

The subject of arrears of stipend due by certain congregations having been taken up, it was moved and carried that an adjourned meeting of Presbytery be held at Durham on Sept. 20th, at 11 o'clock, when the subject should be taken up.

A letter was received from the Clerk of Simcoe Presbytery, notifying the fact that Mr. Walter Wright, M. A., minister without charge in Muskoka District, had, at his request, been declared by said Presbytery to be no longer a minister or member of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

A letter was read from Mr. David Winters, requesting a certificate of his being a theological student and of his having laboured as a missionary within the bounds of the Presbytery during the summer, it being his intention to enrol himself as a student in Princeton College, U. S., for the present session. The Clerk was instructed to furnish Mr. Winters with such certificate.

Mr. John Hislip, South Elderslie, being present, begged leave to ask the Presbytery whether they had any claim to South Elderslie Church property, and if so, whether they meant to take any action in asserting such claim. Mr. Hislip was answered in the following motion, made by Mr. Moffat and carried,—"That, inasmuch as no legal transfer was ever made by Mr. John Hislip to this Presbytery, or to any Presbytery of the Canada Presbyterian Church, so far as known to this Presbytery, of any property in the Township of Elderslie, this Presbytery therefore find that they can take no action regarding such property." Mr. Hislip craved extracts, which were granted!

Mr. McMillan gave in a report on Home Mission business, which was received, and the several items of the report were duly considered.

Application was made by Mr. Manly, Proton and Osprey congregations, for aid from the Home Mission Committee, and they were recommended to said Committee accordingly.

Mr. McMillan was appointed corresponding member of the Foreign Mission Committee.

A circular was read from the Burns Memorial Fund Committee, when it was moved and carried that Messrs. Greig, Crozier, and McMillan, ministers, and Mr. Martin, elder, be appointed a Committee to consider the best way of bringing this matter before the congregations of the Presbytery, and report at next meeting. Mr. McMillan, Convener.

On motion made by Mr. McMillan, the following resolution was adopted:—"That, in view of visiting all the Mission Stations and congregations within the bounds during the ensuing winter, a Committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs. Moffat and Duff, ministers, and Mr. McNally, elder, to prepare questions to be put to congregations and Mission Stations, in order to fully ascertain their present state and to distribute the work of visitation among the members of the Presbytery, and report at next regular meeting. Mr. Moffat, Convener.

Messrs. Cameron and Crozier, having been appointed a Committee to examine students, gave in a report that they had examined Messrs. Samuel Acheson, student of the second year, and Mr. Stewart Acheson, student of the first year, and found their progress and attainments very satisfactory, and the Clerk was instructed to grant said students certificates in terms thereof.

WM. PARK,
Pres. Clerk.