

The questions sent down by the Foreign Mission Committee having been considered, the following motion was agreed to: That while our Presbytery feels deeply the duty of our Church to extend, as soon as possible, Foreign Mission work, it cannot, considering all circumstances, say that such difficult and expensive fields as India or China should be entered upon without further and mature deliberations.

The Presbytery also held its regular quarterly meeting at Owen Sound on the 7th and 8th days of February. There was a full attendance of ministers, and a good representation of elders.

The Rev. G. McLennan, of the Guelph Presbytery, being present, was asked to sit as corresponding member. A petition from N. Sullivan was received, praying for a missionary for the summer. The prayer of the petition was granted, and Messrs. Stewart, Cameron, and Dobie, elders, sent in, as a deputation, with the view of bringing the two parties into greater harmony.

A petition was received from Owen Sound Congregation, praying for leave to sell certain church property. It was agreed by a majority to grant the prayer of the petition. Mr. Dewar, in accordance with notice given, moved, seconded by Mr. Gauld, that the Synodical expenses be levied *pro rata*, or proportionate to the stipends paid by the congregation. Mr. Tolmie moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Stewart, that the amount required of this Presbytery to meet the expenses of the Synod shall be equally divided over all the congregations within the bounds. The vote being taken, the amendment was carried.

An application was received from Amabel, praying to be erected into a supplemented congregation, with three stations—Allenford, Elsinore, and Chesley Lake. The prayer of the petition was granted, and Mr. Dewar and Mr. Cowper, elder, appointed to organize the congregation. It was also agreed to apply to the Central Fund for \$2 per Sabbath, with the view of sending preachers into that field.

Reports of missionary meetings were given in by Messrs. McLennan, Gauld, McLunes, and Fraser. Meetings small. Collections \$48 70.

Mr. Tolmie reported that he had moderated in a call at Paisley, and that said call was in favor of the Rev. John Straith. The call was sustained, and ordered to be sent to Mr. Straith.

A circular letter was read from the Presbytery of Ontario stating that Mr. R. McA. Thornton, a licentiate of Edinburgh Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church, had been received as a probationer of this Church. It was moved by Mr. Tolmie, seconded by Mr. McLennan, that the attention of the Presbytery of Ontario be directed to the law of the Church anent the reception of ministers. The vote being taken, 11 voted for the motion and 1 against.

Mr. Tolmie gave notice that at next meeting he would table a complaint against the Presbytery for employing ministers without charge, and probationers whose names are not upon the Probationers' list, contrary to the laws of the Church. Messrs. Stewart and Dewar, with their representative elders, were appointed a committee to give subjects to the theological students who may come within the bounds for the summer.

Mr. Malcolm Clarke, late of Birkenhead, presented certificates of character, and asked advice as to his studies for the ministry. Mr. Cameron also certified to Mr. Clarke's character. Messrs. Cameron, Stewart, and Dewar were appointed a committee to examine Mr. Clarke and test his gifts, as they may see best, and report to next meeting of Presbytery.

The Remits of the General Assembly were then taken up. That on the Foreign Mission was laid over, as it had already been considered in part.

Mr. Brown gave notice that at next meeting he would nominate the Rev. W. Gregg, of Toronto, to the vacant chair of Systematic Theology in Knox College. It was moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. McLachlan, and agreed to, that inasmuch as the change in the financial year proposed would place many of our country congregations in an unfavorable position for making up their returns, this Presbytery recommend that no change be made in the financial year. The