

place on the 28th inst., Mr. McLennan to preach and preside, Mr. Tolmie to address the minister, and Mr. Stevenson the people. Parties were appointed to dispense the sacraments, in various Mission Stations.

ALEX. FRAZER, *Clerk of Pres.*

PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE.—The Quarterly Meeting of this Presbytery was held in the Barrie Presbyterian Church at eleven o'clock, a.m., on Tuesday, the 3rd August. Nine Ministers and six Elders were present.

A large amount of business was transacted in a harmonious and agreeable manner. Among the matters considered, the following may be stated as of special interest: Mr. T. Wightman was appointed Moderator of Presbytery for the ensuing twelve months, in room of Mr. W. Fraser, of Bond Head, whose term of office had expired. Owing to the admirable way in which Mr. Fraser performed the duties of the chair, and also from the fact of his being the first Moderator, a special vote of thanks was tendered to him.

The case of Willis Church, Oro, was next considered, and, after considerable discussion, Mr. Johnston gave in the resignation of his charge. It was accepted, and directed to take effect from the 25th September next. Regret was expressed that circumstances should have constrained Mr. Johnston to resign so soon after his settlement.

A more pleasing item of business was the division into two separate charges of the Congregations of Mr. Hislop, of Essa, which have increased from 4 to 6. The difficulty in deciding arose chiefly from the whole six wishing a continuance of Mr. Hislop's services, and from the entire matter being referred to the Presbytery by pastor and people.

A minute of Synod was read, stating that Mr. Knowles had been transferred to the newly-formed Presbytery of Durham. Regret had been expressed at a previous meeting at the loss of so zealous and devoted a co-Presbytery.

The congregations indebted to the Presbytery Fund were requested to hand in, without delay, the amounts of their indebtedness.

Arrangements were made for dispensing the Communion to various Mission Stations.

Authority was given to moderate in a call at Bradford and West Gwillimbury.

The Supplements to Congregations and Grants to Mission Stations from the Central Fund were considered and revised.

Mr. Gray gave in his resignation of Esson Church, Oro, on the pleas of ill health and physical inability to undertake efficiently the charge of his present large field of labor.

The resignation was ordered to lie on the table till next ordinary meeting of Presbytery; and all parties concerned were requested to be notified to appear for their interests.

The subject of the state of religion was postponed till next regular meeting, from the want of time to consider it in all its important bearings. That meeting was appointed to be held in the Barrie Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, the 2nd November, at eleven o'clock, a.m.

Should any business emerge in the meantime, permission to meet will be asked from the Synod of Toronto, during its meeting in October next. The meeting was closed with the benediction.

JOHN GRAY, *Presb. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—This newly formed Presbytery held its first meeting in Detroit on the 29th day of July. There were present 10 Ministers and 2 Elders. Letters of apology for absence were read from Dr. Burns and Mr. Waddell.

Mr. C. Chiniquy was appointed Moderator for the next 6 months. Mr. R. H. Warden was elected clerk, and Kenneth Urquhart, Esq., of Chatham, treasurer.

A Home Mission Committee was formed, consisting of Messrs. Kemp, Walker and Warden:—Mr. Warden, Convener.