

A Committee, consisting of Messrs. Boyd, Convener, Musgrave, and Croly, was appointed to receive and digest the replies of Sessions to the questions of the Synod's Committee on the State of Religion, and submit a report at next ordinary meeting.

The Rev. Principal Willis was nominated by the Presbytery as Moderator of the next General Assembly.

Messrs. Macpherson, Allan, Findlay, Croly and M. Ballantyne were appointed a committee to visit Burns' Church, and ascertain the state of the field in that neighbourhood, and at the same time to hold a Missionary meeting in Harrington.

A report from the Rev. A. F. Kemp, of the meetings held by him within the bounds, to advocate the claims of Home Missions, was read and received. The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to Mr. Kemp, and the Clerk was directed to notify the Convener of the Home Mission Committee that Mr. Kemp has done the work assigned him.

It was agreed to choose representatives from this Presbytery to the General Assembly, and also appoint a permanent clerk at next ordinary meeting.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet in Stratford, on Tuesday, 12th April, at 11 a.m.

J. W. MITCHELL, *Clerk ad interim*.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—This Presbytery held its last regular meeting at Almonte and Ramsay, on the 1st and 2nd Feb. There were present 9 ministers and 5 elders. The first Sederunt was occupied with the transaction of general business. Reports were given in of the various appointments which had been fulfilled since last meeting. It was decided not to revise the list of questions for conducting Presbyterial visitations, until all the congregations within the bounds had been visited. Answers to the list of questions on the state of religion were called for, and a few were handed in.

Leave was granted to the congregation of Knox Church, Ottawa, to fall from their call to the Rev. D. Inglis, of Hamilton.

The Rev. W. McLaren, of Belleville, was unanimously nominated as moderator of the Synod of Montreal, to meet in May next.

It was agreed to defer the nomination of the Moderator of the General Assembly until next meeting. The Presbytery then proceeded to appoint delegates to the General Assembly. For their guidance in this matter, the following resolution was passed:—"That the rule to be followed in the case of ministers be that one-half of the ministers with charges be appointed by rotation, and the other half by election, and that in the case of an odd number, the odd one be in favour of election."

Messrs. Crombie and Steele were accordingly appointed by rotation, and Messrs. Moore and Jas. Whyte by election. The following Elders were also elected: Mr. George Hay, of Knox Church, Ottawa; Mr. W. Taylor, of Bank St. Church, Ottawa; Mr. A. Clarke, of Smith's Falls, and Mr. A. McArthur, of Carleton Place.

The Clerk was instructed to cite the Rev. Messrs. Furlong and Sutherland, preachers of the Gospel, to appear at the next meeting of Presbytery and show cause why they did not fulfil their appointments within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Mr. Burns was appointed Interim Moderator of the Session of Dalhousie and Sherbrooke, and Mr. Steele of the Session of McNab and Burnstown, and both were instructed to dispense the communion in these respective congregations at their earliest convenience.

Moderations in calls were granted to the congregations of Knox Church, Ottawa, McNab, and Bristol.

In the evening, after sermon by Mr. Moore, the visitation of the congregation of Almonte was proceeded with. In regard to it, the Presbytery agreed to record the following deliverance.—The Presbytery, in review of the Presbyterial visitation of the congregation, desire to express their great satisfaction with the pre-