

nation at the previous meeting. A report was given by a Committee previously appointed to confer with the parties, viz: with Mr. Ewing and his congregation. The report promised a favourable issue. Accordingly Mr. N. Lindsay and Mr. Tait, commissioners from the congregation, appeared and stated in substance as follows:—That the congregation appreciated the kindness of the Presbytery in endeavouring to have the resignation withdrawn, that they are willing to allow their minister, if necessary, six months' rest that he may try the effect thereof on his health, and that they will raise his salary to the sum of \$750. Mr. Ewing was heard on his own behalf, who acknowledged the kindness shown him, but devolved on the Presbytery the responsibility of not accepting his resignation. It was then resolved to recommend Mr. Ewing to withdraw his resignation, to record gratification with the excellent spirit shown by the congregation and to make arrangements for the supply of Mr. Ewing's pulpit for six months if necessary. With this resolution Mr. Ewing acquiesced, and his resignation was set aside. A petition from thirty members and thirty-one adherents of the Church, residing in Woodbridge or its vicinity, was read, applying for sermon. The petition was very favourably entertained, and Rev. P. Nichol and Rev. R. Pettigrew were appointed to give it effect in the meantime. Next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in the usual place on the first Tuesday of February, at 11 a.m.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met at Stratford, on the 24th November, for ordinary business. On account of storm, only five ministers and two elders were present. A satisfactory reply from the Presbytery of Guelph was read in relation to the Station at New Hamburg. Four Session Records were presented for examination and was attested. The remaining Records are expected at next meeting. The report of the Committee appointed to visit Burns' Church and McKay's was called for, and owing to the convener's absence, was not given in. The Home Mission report showed that the vacant congregations and Mission Stations had been well supplied. The subject of Statistics was postponed, owing to paucity of attendance, to next meeting, at which it was agreed to inquire whether each of the congregations had contributed to use the schemes of the Church during the current year. A paper from the congregation of Biddulph was read, asking Presbytery to correspond with the Presbytery of London with a view to having the congregation of North Biddulph disconnected from that Presbytery, in order that the two congregations in Biddulph might be united into one charge. The prayer of the petition was granted, and Mr. Robert Hamilton was appointed to prosecute this matter before that Presbytery. It was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Drummond, and agreed, that Sessions be instructed to bring the subject of Missions before their respective congregations, by sermon on the Sabbath day, and, when practicable, at meetings on work-days, conveying missionary intelligence, organizing societies when they do not exist, and using such other means as they may deem proper to stimulate missionary zeal. Action in the premises to be reported at next ordinary meeting. Presbytery adjourned to meet for ordinary business at Stratford on the first Tuesday of March next, at 11 o'clock a.m.

JOHN FOTHERINGHAM, Clerk.

ONTARIO PRESBYTERY.—This Presbytery met on the 8th of December. The following reports may be noticed, viz: That of a committee appointed to visit the congregations of Trenton and Newcastle in consequence of the resignation of Mr. Cross laid on the table at last meeting. In reference to which, it may be stated, that the Committee found that the causes leading to this step on the part of Mr. Cross were found to be confined to the Newcastle section of his charge. Next: A report of a Committee appointed to examine the statistical returns of the congregations within the bounds, in connection with the several schemes of