

St. Catharines, to induct Mr. Burson into the pastoral charge of the St. Catharines congregation, and for other business.

Mr. W. H. Simpson, of Kilbride, preached an appropriate sermon from Isaiah, 9th chap, 7th verse. 1st cl use. Dr. Ormiston then proceeded to give a short narrative of the different steps of procedure in the call, and then inducted in the usual way, and in the name of the Presbytery, the Rev. Geo. Burson into the charge of the congregation. Mr. Inglis addressed the minister, and Dr. Ormiston the congregation. Mr. Burson was welcomed by his people, by their extending to him the right hand, he was introduced to his Kirk Session, and took the Moderator's chair, and was enrolled among the members of the Presbytery. It was also reported that the managers put into his hands his first quarter's stipend.

The Presbytery read a paper from the Pastor, Elders, and Members of the first Presbyterian church, St. Catharines, in connection with the Presbytery of Buffalo, U. S., expressing a desire to be received into the Canada Presbyterian Church, and, in the meantime, inquiring whether the use of instrumental music, which they now have and wish to continue, would be any bar to such reception. The Presbytery received the paper, and agreed to consider it at next ordinary meeting.

The Presbytery now considered the existing arrangement in the missionary field and vacant congregation in the Niagara District, with a view of making some alterations that would be more convenient and efficient. Various delegates were fully heard. The Presbytery, after deliberation, resolved as follows: 1. That Thorold and Drummondville, at present forming one pastoral charge, be disconnected. 2. That Thorold alone constitute a pastoral charge. 3. That Drummondville and Chippawa be united into one charge. 4. And that Rev. George Burson be requested to give the congregation in Port Dalhousie such supply, in the meantime, as he can.

Mr. Burson was also appointed Moderator of the Session of Port Dalhousie.

JOHN PORTEOUS, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROOKVILLE.—The Presbytery of Brockville met at Prescott on Tuesday, November 5th, 1867, when many matters of detail in connexion with the Presbytery were considered. Of matters of general interest we may note. Rev. Martin Lowry, late of Cornwall, was appointed ordained missionary over the group of stations comprising Kemptville, Oxford Mills, Edwardsburgh, Iroquois and Morrisburgh. The appointment was made for six months. The Presbytery resolved to continue Mr. Lowry's name on the roll.

The arrears for mission services, as far as known, have been settled; this, however, does not include certain claims of ministers once settled within the bounds still urged against the Presbytery.

Rev. Mr. Melville's resignation of the congregation of Colquhoun Settlement was accepted, and minute expressive of regret at the circumstances requiring the step were passed, as also a similar minute in reference to Rev. Mr. Lowry's resignation, accepted at our last meeting.

Arrangements were made with a view to holding Missionary meetings throughout the congregation within the bounds. And commissioners were appointed to visit each congregation for the purpose of urging the liquidation of arrears of stipend where such exist, and seeing, in all cases, that an efficient organization is provided for the purpose of managing the congregational finances. Rev. Mr. Lochead and Rev. Mr. Burton, were appointed the commissioners.

TORONTO PRESBYTERY.—This presbytery held its usual quarterly meeting in Knox Church, on Tuesday, 5th November. Mr. Monteath, moderator, occupied the chair. The attendance of ministers and elders was small.

Mr. Mitchell gave in his resignation of Milton congregation, in consequence of the state of his health, and the increased amount of labor connected with his pastoral charge.