

and Mr. Straith for himself. Parties having been heard, Mr. Straith intimated that he still adhered to his resignation.

Mr. Lowry having engaged in prayer at the request of the Moderator, the Presbytery then proceeded to give judgment.

It was moved by Mr. McRuer, seconded, and unanimously agreed, that the Presbytery having heard the report of the commissioners in this case—having heard the commissioners from the congregation, and having also heard Mr. Straith—and finding that notwithstanding the action of the congregation (which, by a majority, asked the Presbytery not to receive the resignation) Mr. Straith still adheres to and presses earnestly his resignation—the Presbytery agree to accept the same, and hereby do accept his resignation in view of all the circumstances of the case. The Presbytery, however, cannot do so without expressing deep regret at the removal of one who stands so high in the esteem of his brethren, and who has all along during his residence among us maintained a course that has commended him to their confidence and love. The Presbytery follow him with their earnest prayers for his future usefulness and comfort.

It was agreed that the dissolution of the pastoral tie should take effect on and after the 11th September, and that Mr. McRuer should preach the church vacant on the 18th day of the same month. Mr. McMullen was appointed Moderator of session during the vacancy.

The Clerk intimated that he had duly cited Mr. Stitt to appear at this meeting of Presbytery, when his application for admission to the Canada Presbyterian Church should be finally considered, and that he had received in reply a letter marked "private and confidential," giving reasons for his non-appearance at the meeting, and other statements bearing upon the case. In view of the fact that the letter seemed private and not intended for the Presbytery, the final consideration of the case was deferred until the regular meeting of the Presbytery in October. The Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Stitt in reference to the letter sent, and to cite him again to appear for his interests at next meeting of Presbytery.

The committee appointed to examine into the necessity for a preaching station at McKay's School House, under the care of the Presbytery of Stratford, gave in a report, recommending that should said Presbytery see fit to establish a station at the place referred to, the Presbytery of Paris should offer no opposition. The report of the committee was accepted, and the Clerk instructed to inform the Stratford Presbytery in accordance therewith. The committee was thanked for diligence in the matter.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to hold its next regular meeting at Paris, and within River Street Church there, on Thursday, the 6th day of October next, at 11 a. m.

WM. COCHRANE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.—This Presbytery held their ordinary quarterly meeting at Durham on 12th July, Mr. McMillan, Moderator. There were present six ministers and two elders.

There was not much business of general interest before the Presbytery.

Mr. Knowles excused his absence from the two recent meetings on the ground of family affliction. The excuse was sustained, the Presbytery expressing their sympathy with Mr. Knowles in the bereavement he has suffered.

Application was made by Osprey congregation for additional aid from the Central Fund, to the amount of \$100 for one year. The grounds of this application were the failure of the crops of last year, and the consequent difficulties and discouragements the congregation have had to contend with. It was agreed to recommend said congregation to the Home Mission Committee accordingly.

Mr. McMillan gave in a report on Home Mission affairs, the consideration of which engaged the attention of the Presbytery.

Those congregations not having paid the Clerk's fee for the past year, were required to do so to Mr. Moffat, treasurer, at next meeting.

WM. PARK, *Pres. Clerk*