

next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery should the Congregation be prepared for it.

The Commissioners to the General Assembly gave in their report which was received and their diligence commended.

An extract minute of the General Assembly was read setting forth that agreeable to the prayer of this Presbytery's memorial it has been attached to the Synod of Hamilton.

Resolutions from the Congregation of Tiverton anent an extract minute of this Presbytery were read, setting forth that they were now in a position to support ordinances without the aid of the Underwood Section of the Congregation and praying for morning services every Sabbath. After hearing Commissioners it was resolved to grant the prayer of the Tiverton Congregation, and appoint a Committee consisting of the Moderator, Mr. Straith and Alex. McKinnon, Elder, to meet with the Underwood section of the Congregation on Monday, 11th inst. at 11 o'clock to acquaint them with the decision of Presbytery and to make arrangements with them for their future supply of ordinances.

Messrs. Brown and McLean, Commissioners from Centre Bruce, asked leave, owing to the altered circumstances of their Congregation to withdraw their petition which had been laid on the table of Presbytery at its last meeting. Leave was granted.

The Rev. D. G. McKay having delivered his trials for ordination and these having been cordially sustained, the Presbytery resolved to hold an adjourned meeting at Port Elgin on the 13th inst. at 11 o'clock for his ordination and induction. The Moderator to preside and address the people, Mr. Anderson to preach and address the Minister.

An extract minute of a Congregational meeting of Salem Church, Elderslie, was read expressing a desire to be united to Chesley and asking the Presbytery to take the necessary steps in order to affect said union. It was resolved that this Presbytery cannot do anything towards effecting a union between Salem Church, Elderslie, and Chesley, until the latter Congregation be transferred to us by the Presbytery of Durham.

A. G. FORBES, *Pres. Clerk.*

THE PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—The Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, in Knox Church, Hamilton, on July 23rd, at 11 o'clock a.m., the Rev. Thomas Wilson, Moderator, in the chair. There were nine Ministers and four Elders present.

The report of the Committee appointed to visit Kilbride for the purpose of ascertaining if there were any prospects of connecting a neighboring station with the congregation at that place, was called for. Mr. Murray, Convener, reported that no further information than that which was laid before the Presbytery at its late ordinary meeting could be obtained. It was to the effect that no such connection could be formed at the present time. The Presbytery therefore proceeded to consider the resignation of the charge of the Kilbride congregation by Mr. W. H. Simpson. Parties were heard, and the resignation was accepted. Mr. Porteous was appointed to preach and declare the Church vacant on the 2nd Sabbath of August, and also to moderate in the Session during the vacancy. A Committee was appointed to prepare a suitable minute, and to report at next ordinary meeting.

The resignation of Mr. Milne, of Waterdown and Wellington Square, was next considered. Parties were heard. Mr. Milne pressed the acceptance of his resignation on the ground of ill health. The Presbytery, on motion, agreed to accept the resignation, and resolved that the pastoral tie be dissolved on the 1st of August next. Mr. Fletcher was appointed Moderator of the Session of the congregation, and the Probationer, who supplies, was appointed to declare the Churches vacant. A Committee was also appointed to prepare a proper minute, and to report at next ordinary meeting.

After some conversation it was, on the motion of Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. McCall, and unanimously resolved to appoint the following Home Mission