

of Mr. McKay. The Presbytery offered no suggestions as to the best means whereby the Missionary revenue of the Church may be increased; but it was agreed unanimously that the services of Mr. McKay should be accepted. It was further decided by a majority that the field chosen should be India, a small minority voting for China in preference.

It was resolved, after considerable discussion, to recommend the General Assembly to adopt the Act for the Reception of Ministers, as sent down to Presbyteries.

The Court agreed to express approval of the change in the Statistical and Financial year recommended in the Report of the Committee on Statistics.

The consideration of the Remit on Knox College was deferred until next meeting of Presbytery, which was appointed to be held at Port Hope on the first Tuesday of March, when Session Records, not yet attested, are ordered to be produced.

It was also agreed that at next meeting the Presbytery would hold a Conference on the State of Religion.

WILLIAM DONALD, *Presbytery' Clerk.*

ONTARIO PRESBYTERY.—The Presbytery of Ontario met on the 10th of January, Rev. R. MacArthur, Moderator. Thirteen ministers were present, and seven elders. The report from the members appointed to act for the Presbytery in regard to the Burns' Memorial, was called for, when Mr. Smith intimated that he had the opportunity of laying the matter before no congregation yet but those of Prince Albert and Columbus. Dr. Thornton intimated that he had made arrangements to visit forthwith those congregations allotted to him; nothing had been reported yet from any others. The Presbytery being led to think that Mr. Kennedy would decline acting in the movement, Mr. Thom was appointed to take that portion of the congregations previously allotted to him.

A paper was read from the congregation of Islay and associated stations, requesting that steps should be taken by the Presbytery to recognize them as one charge, with a view to calling a minister; and also to secure aid from the Home Mission Fund to enable them to offer a reasonable stipend. Mr. Scott was heard in regard to the circumstances of the petitioners. John Murchison and Peter Ferguson, commissioners, were also heard in support of the petition. The Presbytery highly approved of the contemplated movement with a view to a settlement of a minister in the above-named locality, believing that "it would contribute greatly to the prosperity of the Church in that whole district." The prayer of the petition was accordingly granted; and a committee, consisting of Messrs. Douglas, Ballantyne and Pyper, was appointed to organize the stations accordingly. Mr. Scott was also appointed to moderate at such time as may be mutually agreed on.

Mr. Smith reported his having moderated in a call at Orono, which was given unanimously to Mr. John G. Calder, Probationer. The usual trials for Ordination were assigned to Mr. Calder, who had, by letter, intimated his acceptance, and arrangements made for the Ordination on the 7th of February.*

Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Prince Albert on Tuesday, the 28th of March, at 11 o'clock.

R. H. THORNTON, *Clerk.*

* Circumstances have occurred making postponement of the settlement for some time necessary.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—A *pro re nata* meeting of this Presbytery was held at Owen Sound, on the 20th day of December.

Application for the moderation in a call was received from Paisley Congregation, and Mr. Tolmie was appointed to moderate in said call on the 10th day of January. Arrangements were made for the visit of the Rev. A. McLean, on behalf of the Home Mission work of the Church.