

missionary was then fixed at \$600, and Mr. Schroeder, who has been labouring in that capacity for some time, formally received his appointment, and signified his acceptance of the same. Considerable time was occupied in hearing a complaint by Mr. Sheriff Davidson against the Kirk Session and trustees of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin. All the parties in the case having been fully heard, the Presbytery, after due consideration, unanimously adopted the following resolution: Moved by Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Wardrobe, that with regard to the Sabbath School difficulty, the Presbytery sustain the complaint, inasmuch as the meeting of trustees, at which the closing of the church against the Sabbath School was resolved upon, was neither regularly called or held upon a lawful day, and inasmuch as, in any case, the action of the trustees in closing the church against the school was not only inexpedient but incompetent, the school being really, as expressed in the complaint, an integral part of the church. Furthermore, with regard to the election of Elders, that the initiatory steps were irregular and censurable, but that the Presbytery, while regretting that Mr. Dickie did not see the necessity of applying for assessors, and while ordering the minutes which record the presence of an elder, who was really not present to be corrected in accordance with fact, agree, in the very peculiar and trying circumstances in which the congregation was then placed, to sustain the proceedings connected with the election so far as to recognize the validity of the election and ordination. And that while deeply sympathizing with Mr. Dickie in the difficulties with which he had to contend, and while giving all credit to the parties on the opposite sides of this case for sincerity, the Presbytery do most earnestly entreat them to exercise forbearance towards each other, to follow in dependence on Divine grace the things that make for peace, and to labour, as in time past, for the advancement of Christ's cause in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Berlin. The parties having been recalled, and the decision intimated to them, the representatives of the Kirk Session and trustees signified their acquiescence in the same. Mr. Sheriff Davidson protested and appealed, and craved extracts, which were granted. The report of the committee appointed to visit Everton was then called for and read. There was also submitted a petition from certain individuals in and around Osprunge, praying to have a mission station open in that village. A committee was appointed to superintend the congregation at Everton, and watch over the interests of the petitioners from Osprunge, with authority to engage a suitable person to act as missionary for a period of not less than six months. The committee appointed to visit Elmira reported, when it was agreed that the report be received, and that Mr. Yeomans be requested to take charge of the station there, and give such supply as he may find convenient, till next meeting. It was agreed to postpone consideration of the notice of motion by Mr. Ball on the changes made in some of the Public School books, as proposed, by the Council of Public Instruction, to the next meeting, when it shall be taken up as the first business at the sederunt in the afternoon. The question having been put by a member whether any business of a pecuniary or secular nature should be transacted in a congregation on the Lord's Day, as the payment of pew-rents and such like, the Presbytery declared it as their opinion that such was improper, unlawful, and a desecration of the Sabbath and of the house of God. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on the second Tuesday of September at ten o'clock, forenoon. The roll was then called and marked, after which the proceedings closed.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—The first meeting of the Presbytery of Bruce, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was held in St. Andrew's Church, Kincardine, on the 13th July. On the roll being made out it was found that it consisted of twenty-three settled pastors, three ordained missionaries, with four vacancies. There were nineteen ministers and eleven elders in attendance. Dr. Bell, of Walkerton, was chosen Moderator for the current year, and Mr. Forbes was appointed clerk. The Rev. J. F. Forbes, of South River, Antigonish, being present, was asked to sit and deliberate. On application, it was resolved