

and to report at a future meeting of Presbytery. Subjects were then given to Students labouring within the bounds to prepare discourses to be delivered at the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Stewart handed in and read the Home Mission Report, which was received and adopted. Mr. Stewart asked and obtained leave of absence for two months, stating at the same time that he had made private arrangement for the supply of his pulpit.

The evening Sederunt was spent in holding a conference on the state of religion, which had been postponed from the last meeting through pressure of business. After devotional exercises, in which Professor Caven led in prayer, Mr. Straith introduced the subject, followed by Professor Caven, Messrs. Christie and Scott, and several members of court, when the following deliverance was adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes:—Convinced of the great utility of converse with one another on the state, aspects and progress of religion, it is resolved to draw special attention to it more and more every year; and, in order to have a discussion on it, to create an interest in it, and to aid in carrying on the object contemplated by it, it is further resolved that themes embracing the varied phases thereof be assigned to members of court from time to time; and that there be now assigned to some one the theme—What are the best means of reaching the careless and awakening such from their death sleep? According to the terms of the foregoing resolution, Mr. Dewar was appointed to write an essay on the above subject; which is to be read before the Presbytery at its meeting in January.

According to representations made a deputation, consisting of Messrs. Cameron, Brown, and McLennan, was appointed to visit, at an early day, the congregations, of South Keppel, Allenford, &c.; Keady, &c., to ascertain if the stations composing these congregations could be differently arranged, so that the field embraced by them might be more efficiently worked, and report at next meeting.

There was laid on the table a call from Woodville congregation, in the Presbytery of Ontario, and addressed to the Rev. James Cameron, of Chatsworth. After the reading of papers and the hearing of parties, the following deliverance was adopted:—

"While the Presbytery deeply sympathizes with the Woodville congregation in the circumstances in which they are placed, and earnestly prays that the Great Head of the Church would give them a pastor in due time who shall be blessed and owned in his labours among them; yet, in view of Mr. Cameron's declinature of the call, the transition state of the Chatsworth congregation, and indeed of the whole field under our charge, declines to agree to the translation and resolves to retain Mr. Cameron in his present charge."

The Committee appointed at last meeting to examine the Treasurer's books, reported that they had done so, and found the accounts carefully and correctly kept, the balance in the Treasurer's hands being \$27.43. The report was received and adopted.

Mr. McInnes tendered his resignation of the office of Treasurer of the Presbytery, his resignation was accepted, and Mr. McLennan appointed Treasurer.

The next regular meeting will be held at Owen Sound, on Tuesday, the 17th of September, at 2 p.m.

D. J. MCINNES, PRES. CLERK.

PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM. This Presbytery held their ordinary quarterly meeting at Durham, on 23rd July.

Mr. Blain was appointed Moderator for next year; Mr. Moffat, in Mr. Blain's absence was appointed Moderator, p. t.

A petition having been presented from Chesley, praying for the moderation of a call, Mr. Duff was appointed to perform that duty on such a day as he might arrange with the Congregation, due notice being given.

Parties were heard in the matter of a dispute between Durham Road, &c. congregation, and Toronto Line Station, formerly part of said congregation, regard-