

Presbytery fix the times and places of its meetings as occasion may require, and that all such meetings be for ordinary business, unless otherwise provided for.

The report of the deputation appointed to visit the congregations of 1st and 2nd Tecumseh ament the resignation of Mr. R. Moodie was taken up, and Mr. Moodie intimated his willingness to withdraw his resignation, which the Presbytery permitted him to do.

The Moderator submitted an overture respecting the working of the Home Mission Field of the Church. The Presbytery approved thereof, agreed to transmit it to the Synod of Toronto, to meet on the 2nd May, and appointed Messrs. Rodgers and Burnfield to support it.

Mr. G. Caw was appointed a member of the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery, in the room of the late Mr. Wightman.

The Court took up the case of Thomas Burgess, who feels aggrieved by a decision of the Synod of Toronto (in October, 1869), and whose memorial was laid on the table at the meeting of the Synod, in April, 1870.

It was resolved, without expressing any opinion on the case, to bring it before the Synod at its meeting on the 2d May next.

Mr. Mungo Fraser, of Barrie, obtained three months' leave of absence for the purpose of visiting his native land.

JOHN GRAY, *Presbytery Clerk.*

At a meeting of Presbytery, held in Toronto, on the 3rd May, Mr. D. B. Cameron was appointed Commissioner to the General Assembly, in lieu of Mr. Rodgers, who, at his own urgent request, was permitted to withdraw.

Mr. Cameron was also appointed a member of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Communications.

THE REV. JAMES DUNCAN,

Late minister of the congregation of Bayfield Road, Presbytery of Huron, who died on the 8th January last, is the subject of this brief memoir.

He was born on the 18th April, 1803, in Alnwick, County of Northumberland, England. His parents, William and Eleanor Duncan, were members of the Secession congregation there, the same congregation in which Dr. Kerr now of Glasgow, labored for many years. By the blessing of God on the training enjoyed under the parental roof and the ministrations of the sanctuary, two of the members of the family were led to devote themselves to the office of the Christian ministry. William, the younger brother, a few years ago "finished his course" in Australia; and James, the elder, rested from his labours at the commencement of the present year in Canada.

With a view to the office of the ministry, James entered the University of Edinburgh, pursued with marked success his literary and philosophical studies under the distinguished men who at that time filled their respective chairs. He next entered the Divinity Hall of the then United Secession Church, and passed through the theological course with highest credit and promise. A short time after, he was duly licensed as a preacher of the Gospel, and spent a few months labouring in several of the vacant congregations of the Church. He accepted a call from the small and recently-formed congregation of Warkworth, a quiet and rather pleasant village on the banks of the Coquet river, about six miles distant from his native place. His ordination took place in the month of June, 1836. The entire period of his ministry in England, from 1836 to the year 1854, when he sailed for