

consideration, it was agreed, on motion made by Dr. Topp, 1. That the Presbytery give every encouragement to the F. M. Committee to enter on strictly Foreign Mission work at once. 2. That India be declared to be a proper field for such work. 3. That the Presbytery leave the responsibility of appointing a Missionary for such a field to the Foreign Mission Committee.

Examiners were then appointed for students within the bounds of Presbytery—the appointments to hold good for 12 months,—Latin, Mr. Campbell; Greek, Professor Caven; Philosophy, Professor Young; Theology, Dr. Topp; Church History Mr. Dick; Church Government, Mr. Monteath; Personal and Practical Religion, Mr. Wallace.

After very considerable deliberation, it was moved by Mr. Ewing, seconded by Mr. Alexander, and agreed, That the Convene of the Home Mission be instructed to apply for the services, in whole or in part, of a missionary to labor in the city of Toronto; also for a grant of money, if required, to meet the expenses of the mission, it being left to the Church Extension Committee to decide in what locality or localities such missionary shall labor.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in the usual place on the first Tuesday of May, at 11 a.m. R. MONTEATH, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met at Stratford on the 7th of March for ordinary business. Out of fifteen ministers, fourteen were present, together with eight elders. A call from the congregation of Harrington, signed by 61 members and 227 adherents, addressed to the Rev. David Gordon, of Indian Lands, was sustained, and steps necessary to its furtherance taken. The congregation promises \$700 annual salary, with manse and glebe. Intimation from the Presbytery of London was read, to the effect that certain parties desired to build a church some six miles north of Thamesford, which might affect Mr. Hall's congregation. Mr. Hall stated that, having been notified by the Clerk, he had laid the matter before his Session, which had agreed to make no opposition. The Presbytery was informed that Fish Creek had paid all arrears due to its late pastor. Mr. Drummond reported, on behalf of the committee appointed to visit New Hamburg, that, after communication with the people there, no arrangement could be made by which he could preach for them and supply his own pulpits on the same day. Mr. Mitchell stated that some twenty-five families in the neighbourhood of Warburg, in Ellice, to whom he had been preaching occasionally for more than fifteen months, had agreed to petition the Presbytery to recognize them as a Missionary Station, and had commissioned one of their number to represent them in this matter at the present meeting. Their commissioner then stated that they were willing to give \$100 a year if they could obtain service every second Sabbath. Mr. Mitchell also stated that there were a number of families in Logan, west from Warburg about six miles, to whom he had been preaching, who might be united with it as a mission field. It was finally agreed to adopt Warburg as a mission field in connection with Logan, and, with the consent of the Presbytery of Guelph, to which New Hamburg properly belongs, to endeavor to supply the latter place with preaching during next summer in connection with that field. The congregation of North Easthope asked the sanction of Presbytery to sell half of fifty acres of glebe in their possession, with a view to helping in the erection of a manse, and their request was granted. Sessions were instructed to forward to the Rev. Jas. Boyd, Crosshill, reports on the state of religion, before the last day of the present month. Mr. McPherson, of Stratford, was nominated Moderator of next General Assembly. Dr. Watts gave notice that at next meeting he would move that Mr. David Inglis be nominated a professor in Knox College; and Mr. Hall that he would move to nominate Mr. William Gregg to the same office. It was agreed to reply to Remit of Assembly, that its statistical and financial year should end December 31st. Other business was transacted, and the Presbytery adjourned, to meet at Stratford on the 18th April, at 11 o'clock a.m.

JOHN FOTHERINGHAM, *Clerk*.