

sion Committee. Moderation in calls were granted to Seaforth and to McKillop No. 2. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Forbes for three Sabbaths.

The list of weak congregations and Mission stations was revised, and it was agreed to make no change in the meantime. The appointments for the ensuing quarter were then made, after which the Presbytery adjourned, to meet again in Knox Church, Goderich, on the last Tuesday of September, at 11 a.m.

ARCH. MACLEAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

**PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.**—This Presbytery held its first meeting at Owen Sound, on the 13th and 14th days of July. An extract minute of the Records of Synod was read constituting this Presbytery by the division of the Presbytery of Grey into two. Mr. Bremner, of Paisley was appointed Moderator, and in his absence, Mr. Cameron took the chair. Mr. Frazer was appointed Presbytery Clerk, and Mr. Stevenson Treasurer of the Funds of the Presbytery. Messrs. Tolmie, Bremner and Frazer were appointed a Home Mission Committee till next meeting.

A reference from the Session of Port Elgin congregation as to a case of marriage with a deceased wife's sister was brought before the Presbytery, and the papers read in the matter. It was found that the papers and parties were all regularly before the Presbytery. Mr. Dewar moved, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, that the case be not entertained by the Presbytery for judgment, as sufficient reason has not been shown for its being so referred by the Session. It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Tolmie, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the reference be sustained, and that the court proceed to the consideration of the matter. After discussion, Mr. Dewar was allowed to withdraw his motion, and Mr. Tolmie's amendment became the motion. Mr. Dewar then moved, seconded by Mr. Stevenson,—Inasmuch as it does not appear from the documents before the Presbytery, or from the verbal explanations given, what was intended by the suspension of Mr. Kennedy by the Session of Port Elgin, that it be resolved to send the reference back to the Session, to bring the matter forward in a more regular and formal manner. Mr. Frazer objected to the amendment as out of order, inasmuch as it was already recorded that the papers and parties were all regularly before the court. The point of order being carried against him, Mr. Frazer dissented. The vote being taken, the motion by Mr. Tolmie was carried, and the case proceeded with. Mr. Frazer, moderator of the Kirk Session, and Mr. Ross, elder, were heard on behalf of the Session. Mr. Kennedy was also heard. It was moved by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Dewar, that, inasmuch as it appears the Session of Port Elgin has suspended Mr. Kennedy from communion and from office, it be declared that, according to the late decisions of the Supreme Court, it was fully justified in doing so; but further, that inasmuch as such marriages as that contracted by Mr. Kennedy are openly vindicated by many office-bearers of this Church, the Presbytery decline to proceed to any further censure. Mr. Tolmie moved an amendment, which was not recorded. Mr. Frazer then moved, seconded by Mr. Gauld—The Presbytery, having heard the case, and duly considered the matter, adhere to the Standards of our Church, and the decisions of the Supreme Court, in such cases, and declare the parties no longer members of the Church. The vote being taken, the amendment by Mr. Frazer was carried, five voting for the amendment, and two for the motion. Mr. Tolmie entered his dissent. Messrs. Stevenson and Dewar entered their dissent as follows: We dissent from the decision in so far as it cuts off Mr. Kennedy entirely from the Church. The decision of Presbytery being intimated to Mr. Kennedy, he protested, and appealed to the Synod, for reasons to be given in. Messrs. Gauld and Frazer were appointed a committee to prepare answers to these reasons.

The ordination of Rev. D. J. McInnes, at South Keppel, was appointed to take