

him and to the congregations to which he has ministered for upwards of thirty years.

It may stir up others to devise liberal things when it is stated that the first West Gwillimbury congregation, only numbering about forty members, have agreed to raise a stipend of \$540 per annum.

2. Arrangements were made to organize a congregation in Cookstown, in accordance with a petition from forty members residing in the locality.

3. Mr. J. Greenfield laid on the table his resignation of the congregation of Bowmore. Having some months ago demitted the charge of Stayner, it was agreed to consider both resignations at the quarterly meeting in May next.

4. The Very Reverend Principal Willis, LL.D., was unanimously nominated as Moderator of the ensuing General Assembly.

5. A cordial and unanimous vote of thanks was moved to the Students' Missionary Association of Knox College, for their kindness in supplying with Gospel ordinances certain destitute districts within the bounds of the Presbytery.

6. The Representative Members of the General Assembly were chosen as follows:—

The Ministers selected were those who answer to the figures 1, 4, 7, 10 on the Presbytery Roll, and the Elders chosen were such as correspond with the figures 2, 5, 8, 11. The ministers thus selected were found to be Messrs. W. Fraser, J. Gray, G. Craw, and W. A. Johnston, and the Elders those belonging to the congregations of Messrs. J. Wightman, J. Ferguson, J. K. Hislop, and M. Fraser.

It was also decided that, if it be ruled that Mr. W. Fraser is ex-officio a member of the Assembly, Mr. J. Wightman take his place.

7. Reports from three of the Missionary Districts were received, and thanks tendered to the Conveners. The other Conveners were requested to hand in theirs at next meeting.

8. The Session Records of three congregations were examined, and those members who had failed to hand in their Records were enjoined to do so at next meeting.

9. The answers to the queries on the State of Religion, drawn up by the committee appointed by the Supreme Court, were ordered to be sent without delay to the Clerk of Presbytery.

10. It was unanimously agreed to transmit to the Synod of Toronto the Overtures on the Religious Training of the young, on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and on the Muskoka Mission. Members of Presbytery were appointed to support these Overtures before the Synod appointed to meet in April.

11. A petition, signed by 126 persons, was presented from Muskoka, asking for the re-employment of Mr. W. Wright as Missionary there. Mr. Wright was heard at length in support of the petition. It was agreed, meanwhile, to take no action in the matter. Certain parties were appointed to enquire into the position and circumstances of the Mission.

12. Mr. James Stewart, formerly minister of Knox Church, Oro, having presented a certificate of good standing from the Free Church Presbytery of Perth, was unanimously received, and appointments given to him in the Mission Field. Circular letters, if necessary, were ordered to be issued in his behalf.

13. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held on the first Tuesday in May, within the Barrie Presbyterian Church, at eleven o'clock, a.m.

14. A Special Meeting was also appointed to meet in the same place, and at the same hour, on the first Tuesday of April. JOHN GRAY, *Presb. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD:—This Presbytery met at St. Mary's, on the 12th January, the Rev. D. Waters, M.A., LL.B., Moderator. There were nine Ministers and four Elders present.

The Rev. W. Doak, late minister of Avonton and Carlingford, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.