

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.—At a meeting of the Foreign Mission Committee held in Knox College, on the 4th and 5th ult., it was agreed, as several Probationers were found willing to enter the Foreign Mission field not to ask Rev. Mr. Gordon and the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces to sever the ties now existing between them; but to procure the services of one of our own Probationers. The Convener was instructed to correspond with one of the Probationers, and to ask him to confer with the Committee at its next meeting. The Committee expressed their great satisfaction at the readiness and self denial with which Mr. Nisbet had closed with the proposal to enter on the Mission work, in the North West. The Convener was instructed to correspond with parties, with the view of obtaining a successor to Mr. Nisbet, at the Red River.

BRAMPTON.—We noticed in our last number the induction of the Rev. F. Duncan. We are requested to state that the congregation, hitherto known as Brampton 2nd Congregation, has taken the designation of Knox's Church, Brampton. On the occasion of the Soiree following the induction, Mr. Duncan was presented by the Ladies of the Congregation, through S. Patterson, Esq., with a handsome Pulpit Gown, cassock and bands. The Trustees also began by paying the stipend in advance. Mr. Duncan has received a cordial welcome from the congregation, and enters on his duties with every prospect of success.

DEATH OF THE REV. JAMES SKINNER.—It is with the deepest sorrow that we record the death of the Rev. James Skinner of London Township. It took place on the 17th ult., after a short illness. Mr. J. Skinner was an eminently devout Christian, and faithful Pastor; and his removal we regard as a serious loss to the Church. We hope to give in our next issue a fuller notice of the life and death of Mr. J. Skinner.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—The last quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Stratford on the 2nd day of September last,—the Rev. A. A. Drummond, moderator. The business was chiefly of matters not of public interest. A memorial was read from the Secretary of the National Bible Society of Scotland, asking that this Society should be recommended to the sympathy and support of ministers and people. A committee was appointed to consider this memorial and to report at next meeting. Mr. Hall gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that the resolution requiring quarterly financial returns from congregations should be reconsidered. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at St. Mary's, and within Widder Street Church, there on Tuesday the ninth day of January next at 11 o'clock, a. m.

WILLIAM DOAK, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.—This Presbytery met at Oshawa on Tuesday, 3rd October. Rev. John Baird, M. A., Moderator. It was decided to remind the congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery, of a former resolution, to ask them to assist the Lindsay congregation in erecting a place of worship; and to request those, that had not yet given any assistance, to do so, within two months. The committee, appointed to meet with the Students, under the care of the Presbytery, gave in a favourable report. The Rev. George Brown, gave in his report of work done within the bounds of the Presbytery. The court agreed to note the great diligence displayed by him in the discharge of his duties. A call, addressed to Mr. James Malcolm, probationer, by the Congregation of Ashburn and Utica, was sustained; and ordered to be placed in his hands. Arrangements for holding Missionary meetings, were made. The Rev. A. Lees, M. A., who had been cited to appear at this meeting, laid on the table certain reasons, for refusing to stand at the bar of the