

All congregations within the bounds that have not taken up the collection appointed for the Presbytery fund were enjoined to give immediate attention to the matter.

The Rev. John Turnbull was appointed a corresponding member of the Foreign Mission Committee.

The Rev. Archibald Lees, who has for some time past been laboring as an ordained Missionary in the townships bordering on the North Hastings Road, was deposed, and declared to be no longer a Minister and member of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements were made for the dispensation of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in all the Mission Stations under the care of the Presbytery.

A Presbyterial visitation of the Picton congregation was held in pursuance of a plan to examine all the congregations within the bounds.

THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Presbytery Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—The Presbytery of Stratford met at Stratford on the 6th July. The Rev. David Waters, LL.B., Moderator. There were ten Ministers and eight Elders present. The business was chiefly relating to matters not of public interest. There was a conference on the state of religion, from which it appeared that there were favourable symptoms of an increased and growing interest in religious services, especially in connection with prayer meetings and the diets of worship on the Sabbath. The Presbytery recommended that Ministers and Elders should endeavour to impress more deeply upon the people the duty of family worship, and that greater attention be given to prayer meetings, and when the pastoral address from the Synod is read from the pulpit, that Ministers preach on a subject in connection with the address.

Steps were taken to revise the grants from the Home Mission fund to weak congregations and Mission Stations, and the Rev. R. Hamilton was appointed corresponding member of the Foreign Missions Committee.

WILLIAM DOAK, *Presbytery Clerk*.

General Religious Intelligence.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The attendance at the General Assembly in Belfast was the largest ever recorded; the business was interesting, and general harmony prevailed. The Rev. Professor Smyth was elected Moderator. In the course of the Sessions of Assembly two Professors were appointed, Mr. Shaw, without a vote, to the Magee College, and Mr. Rogers, of Comber, by a majority of ten over Rev. Dr. Morgan, to the chair of Sacred Rhetoric in Belfast, the chair formerly filled by Dr. Cooke. The Mission Reports were encouraging, and it was stated that the contributions to them all had increased, the total increase being over £4,000. The following are some of the statistics for the year:—Families connected with the Church, 85,125; Communicants, 126,858; Elders, 2,316; Children in Sabbath School, 60,000; Average Stipend, including Regium Donum, £150, in many cases supplemented by manse, of which there are 262. Three congregations give over £400 of stipend, while from 259 the pastor receives less than £50. The total contributions of the Church were £90,620, showing a decrease on last year, the decrease, however, being only in building, all the other funds having increased. Considerable discussion took place in connection with the Report of the Government Committee, but it was unanimously adopted; and a fresh instructive Committee was given to the Committee, intended to guard against any levelling-up policy, if it should be