

Mr. MacMillan was re-appointed corresponding member of the Foreign Mission Committee.

The Presbytery adjourned to hold their next ordinary meeting at Durham, on the 3rd Tuesday of February, at 11 o'clock, a.m.—WM. PARK, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE.—The Presbytery met within the Stayner Presbyterian Church, on the 16th January, at noon, for the induction of Mr. R. Moodie into the pastoral charge of Stayner and Sunnidale. Seven ministers and two elders were present. Mr. W. Fraser, of Bond Head, presided on the occasion. Mr. R. Fairbairn preached a suitable sermon from 1 Corinthians, 1-30. Mr. W. Fraser gave a brief narrative of the proceedings in the case, put to Mr. Moodie the questions of the formula, and offered up a solemn induction prayer, after which he gave Mr. Moodie the right hand of fellowship, and in the name of the Presbytery inducted him into the pastoral charge. The other members of Presbytery cordially welcomed back their old co-presbyter. Mr. R. Rogers addressed the newly inducted minister in appropriate terms, and Mr. W. McConnell the people.

The congregations gave their pastor a very hearty welcome at the close of the services, and the managers intimated that a moiety of the stipulated stipend had been paid. The proceedings were terminated by Mr. J. Gray pronouncing the benediction.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the Church was well filled by an attentive and deeply interested assembly.

Mr. Moodie enters on his new field of labor under very promising circumstances. The people, discouraged from several untoward events, are cheered and gratified that their long-deferred hopes have been realised, and a minister of ability and experience sent to them. The members of Presbytery welcome with fraternal greetings the return among them of a former brother, whom they had learned in the past to love and respect.

It is, moreover, cause for thankfulness that the Great Head of the Church has sent to a field so important as Stayner and the surrounding district, a minister so faithful and devoted as Mr. Moodie.

JOHN GRAY, CLERK.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery met at Tiverton on the 17th inst. There were eight ministers and six elders present. The Committee appointed to make arrangements for holding missionary meetings read a report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted. Messrs. Tolmie, Straith, Stewart, and Davidson, were appointed a committee to hold missionary meetings in the southern section of the Presbytery, and Messrs. Anderson, Cameron, and Wardrope a Committee to hold similar meetings in the northern part of the Presbytery. The Rev. Messrs. McCall, of Hamilton, and Fraser, of Barrie, are expected to accompany these deputations, and lay the claims of the Home Mission fund before the several congregations.

A petition from the congregation of Southampton was read, asking the Presbytery to take the necessary steps in order to have the hour of public worship in that congregation changed from the evening to the forenoon, or to 2 o'clock p.m. Messrs. Macnabb and Tully, commissioners from the congregation, were heard. *Resolved* to receive the petition and cite all the congregations concerned to appear for their interests at next meeting of Presbytery.

Read, a letter from the Rev. Arch. Currie, declining the call from Pine River. A circular letter was read from the Presbytery of Brockville anent the reception of the Rev. James Douglas, a minister of the Congregational body, and the Rev. M. C. Boyd, a licentiate of the American Presbyterian Church. A circular letter was also read from the Presbytery of Manitoba intimating that they intend to ask leave of the next General Assembly to receive as a minister of this church, the Rev. Neil McDougall, a minister without charge to the Presbyterian Church