

preach and declare said church vacant on Sabbath, the 21st day of May next, and also to continue to act as Moderator of Session.

That the Presbytery hereby express their satisfaction that the tie existing for twenty years between Mr. Gray and this portion of his flock is dissolved with mutual regrets, testifying to undiminished respect and affection on both sides; that Mr. Gray's remaining charge have acquiesced in the resignation, and have arranged so as to render it possible for him to husband his strength and labour with greater efficiency among them, and hope that they will reap the reward of their liberality.

The Presbytery further express their high esteem of Mr. Gray's gifts and graces, and their hope that he may be long spared to exercise his piety, talents, and labours in the Lord's vineyard.

Mr. R. Moodie was appointed to preach and declare the pastoral charge of Innisfil vacant, on the 7th May next, and Mr. W. Fraser to be Moderator of the Session of Innisfil congregations.

James Bruce Fraser, M.D., applied to be examined with the view of his being recognised as a student of Knox College in the Theological Department, and of his being meanwhile employed in the mission field.

A Committee was appointed to examine Dr. Fraser, and having brought in a very satisfactory report, he was recognized as a theological student, and was appointed to labour within the bounds, with the status of a student missionary.

(Dr. Fraser is the son of the Rev. W. Fraser, of Bond Head, and is the second who is studying for the ministry.)

The Moderator, having left the chair, read a report of his having ordained elders at Stayner. His diligence was commended and his conduct approved of. When he resumed the chair, Mr. Thomas McKee, student of Knox College, having produced satisfactory testimonials, was examined with a view to license. The examination was sustained, and the Clerk was instructed to apply to the ensuing General Assembly for leave to take him on trials for license.

The afternoon sederunt, from two to four o'clock, was spent in holding a conference on the state of religion, upon the basis of the queries issued by the Convener of the General Assembly's Committee.

Mr. G. Craw occupied the chair during said conference, and the following deliverance was adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

That, in looking at the state of religion within our bounds, we feel that we have great reason to bewail the low condition of personal and family religion among us, and also the sad lack of personal effort, by conversation or otherwise, by the members of our Churches, for the salvation of the unconverted; and that, while we desire to render thanks to God for the tokens of his goodness which we have enjoyed, and for any cheering evidence of increased interest, greater love for the truth and increased prosperity, we feel that there is a loud and earnest call to stir ourselves up to more activity and devotedness in our Master's cause, and to united and believing prayer for the outpouring of God's spirit and the revival of God's work.

Mr. G. Burnfield gave in his demission of the pastoral charge of Cookstown, Ivy and Town Line. It was ordered to lie on the table till next meeting, and a committee was appointed to meet with the congregations and report to said meeting.

Messrs. Wm. Fraser, Robert Rodgers (Moderator), and James Ferguson, Ministers, and Messrs. John Ross, Wm. MacWhinny, and Richard McKee, Elders, were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly, to meet at Quebec on the 7th June next.

Messrs. R. Rodgers and John Ross were appointed members of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

In consequence of the increase of business before the Presbytery, it was agreed to adopt the motion submitted by Mr. W. Fraser at last meeting, to the effect that the resolution respecting quarterly meetings be rescinded, that the