

Proceedings of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—This Presbytery held its last regular meeting within Bank Street Church, Ottawa, on the 5th and 6th Nov. There were present 12 ministers and three elders. The following items of business were transacted. A petition was handed in and read from 15 heads of families residing at Kinburn, in the Township of Fitzroy, praying to be organized into a congregation in connection with the Presbytery, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Stewart and Bremner, ministers, and Mr. Tait, elder, were appointed to comply with the prayer of the petition.

Messrs. Allen and Parker appeared as commissioners from the congregation of Aylmer and requested future supply, and that if practicable, union be formed with Hull. The Presbytery agreed to place Aylmer on the list of stations, and supply it as fully as possible, and appointed a committee to confer with the people of both Aylmer and Hull stations, and find out if it would be desirable to unite them, and report at next meeting.

A request was presented from the congregation of Bristol, that some member of Presbytery be appointed to moderate in a call, and Mr. Carswell was instructed to perform this duty on the request of the session.

Mr. Crombie read the Home Mission report, giving an account of the work done at each of the stations during the summer, and the amounts raised by them towards the support of the missionaries. The report showed that never before had the field been so thoroughly and efficiently wrought.

The clerk's salary was raised from fifty to eighty dollars per annum.

A most interesting conference was held upon the subject, "the Spiritual instruction and conversion of the children and youth of our church."

Mr. James Whyte introduced the subject, and Messrs. McEwen and Steele followed with papers upon it, and Mr. Burns and others with oral addresses. At the close a committee was appointed to draw up a deliverance, who subsequently gave in the following which was adopted:

"The Presbytery having engaged in conference on the conversion and spiritual instruction of the children and youth of our church, express their satisfaction with the interest manifested by members generally, in the subject brought before them, and with the suggestions thrown out with regard both to the hindrances lying in the way, and the remedies applied, with reference to the godly upbringing and ultimate conversion of the children and youth of the church—and they would recommend to ministers the keeping of this very important matter before the minds of the people, especially of parents in the way of carrying out the valuable suggestions made by the various speakers, such as special preaching to the young, personal conference with them, and faithful affectionate dealing with parents, anent their duties and the covenant relations from which these duties spring." The Presbytery ordered the practical directions contained in the report to be sent to the different members of the court.

Mr. Crombie resigned the office of convener of the Home Mission committee, and Mr. Burns was appointed in his stead.

All the members of the Presbytery were appointed to give a day each to one or other of the mission stations, and arrangements were made for holding missionary meetings at all the congregations and mission stations within the bounds, these being divided into four groups, and a committee appointed for each group. The conveners of the various committees were instructed to give special attention to have the names of collectors and the names of contributors to the various schemes of the church, and the amounts contributed in order to publication and to report at next meeting.