

to take effect on March 6th. Leave was granted the trustees of Cooke's church to mortgage the property to the extent of \$15,000, with a view to build a school-house, &c. Messrs. Parsons & Macdonnell were appointed to represent the Presbytery in the appeal case of Rev. W. Inglis. Dr. R. F. Burns was nominated as Moderator of next Assembly. The remit on ecclesiastical co-operation was considered. The first clause was approved and in room of the next four, the following was adopted:—"The object may, in the judgment of the Presbytery, be best accomplished by leaving the matter in the hands of the local courts, and presbyteries and synods may confer with such courts of the Methodist Church as have supervision of the territory in their respective jurisdictions." The Presbytery were gratified to learn that the congregation of Weston and Woodbridge had agreed to add \$150 to their pastor's salary, with the prospect of a still further addition.

**BARRIE, Jan. 25.**—The Presbytery was for the most part of the Session engaged in consideration of a difficulty occasioned by a congregation changing its place of meeting to a locality adjoining another congregation. A Committee was appointed to meet with the representatives of the congregation, with the hope that they might be led to an amicable settlement of the case. Adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held at Barrie, 22nd Feb.

**GUELPH, Jan. 18.**—At the request of the people, Mr. Strachan's services at Eden Mills for another year were continued. A petition from 48 persons in and around Metz was received, asking to be organized into a congregation with second church and sixth line, Garafraxa, and the usual steps were taken. St. John's congregation, Garafraxa, were allowed to renew a mortgage on their church property. Conferences were held on the state of religion, temperance and Sabbath schools. The following, among other resolutions, was adopted:—"That this Conference, deeply impressed with the importance of the proper instruction of the young of the rising and future generations in the elements not only of secular, but also of religious knowledge as taught in the Holy Scriptures, ask the Presbytery to overture the General Assembly to appoint a committee, charged with the special duty of watching over the Educational System of our Province, with instructions to see that it be just and equal in its provisions and administration to all creeds and classes. That it be founded upon Christianity; requiring the Bible to be used in our High and Public Schools, as the only rule of faith and manners, and the best incentive to intellectual progress, and to the securing of civil and religious liberty. To exercise watchfulness over the text books authorized to be used, so that none be introduced which misrepresent the facts of history, and to adopt means to spread among the people information regarding encroachments when they may

be proposed or threatened, and to urge them to employ all legitimate measures to resist the same."

**ORANGEVILLE, Jan. 11.**—Mr. McLeod gave in the report of the committee appointed to confer with the Rev. W. E. D'Argent anent his application for reception, and the Presbytery unanimously agreed to apply to the General Assembly for his reception. The Presbytery considered the petitions from Vanatter and Knox Church, Caledon, asking for union with St. Andrew's Church, Orangeville. Parties interested were heard, and Messrs. Fowle, Armstrong and Crozier were appointed to visit these places and Black's Corners with the view of inducing them to unite to form one pastoral charge. Mr. Hunter submitted the report of the committee appointed to visit Mr. Tait's late field with a view to re-arrangement. The report, which was adopted, recommended,—(1) Separate St. Andrew's, Caledon, from Mono Mills, and attach it to Caledon East to form a charge. (2) Attach Adjala to Mono Mills and Mono East to form one charge. (3) Adjala to pay St. Andrew's, Caledon, the amount which the latter paid toward the Manse property at Mono Mills. Rev. J. A. Ross accepted the call to Dundalk and Ventry, and his induction was appointed for February 9th at 2 p.m. A petition from the Session and Managers of St. Andrew's Church, Proton, was read, promising \$350.50 annually, and asking the Presbytery either to apply for a supplement or connect them with some other station. The Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was instructed to attend to the matter, and report.

**HAMILTON.**—There are now eight vacancies, viz., Erskine Church, Hamilton; Niagara Falls; Welland; Merriton and Port Robinson; Pelham and Wellandport; Caledonia; E. Ancaster, and Dunnville. Conferences on Sabbath Schools and the State of Religion were appointed in connection with next meeting of Presbytery. The remit on the marriage question was approved.

**STRATFORD, Jan. 11.**—The resignation by Mr. J. W. Penman of his charge at Nissouri was accepted. Mr. Kay was recommended to discontinue holding services in the Donegal school house. The following resolution anent Mr. McPherson's retiring allowance was adopted:—"Mr. McPherson having taken exception to the wording of the finding of the last meeting of Presbytery anent the difficulty, the Presbytery would add this explanation, that in employing the word equity, they did not mean an equity founded on the promise of a retiring allowance of \$500, but an equity founded on all the circumstances; but as he has expressed his willingness to accept the sum of \$2,250, being the present worth, according to mortality tables, of the amount promised, and to forgive all arrears now due, viz.: the sum of \$800. As a settlement of the whole, the Presbytery would further recommend that the congregation pay this amount, that peace may be the sooner restored."