

**PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.**—This court met at Stratford on the 2nd inst. Five ministers and as many elders were present, notwithstanding the remarkable snow-block. Mr. Pritchard, of the Presbytery of Huron, was also present, and was invited to correspond. Inquiry was made concerning congregational contributions to the schemes of the Church. The ministers present reported that their respective congregations had contributed, or would contribute, to all the schemes during the current year—ending the 31st inst., and the clerk was instructed to issue a letter of inquiry on the subject to the rest of the congregations. The same ministers reported the missionary services held in their congregations, and their reports were received. The Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was re-appointed for the year ensuing, and the supply of mission stations for the season was referred to them. Messrs. Boyd and Goly were appointed a Committee to prepare a synopsis of reports from sessions on the state of religion, to be laid before Presbytery at a meeting at time of Synod in London, *and sessions were ordered to forward reports to Mr. Boyd on or before the 15th of April next.* The clerk was instructed to prepare a general synoptical statement of the finance and statistics of the congregations to be laid before Presbytery at its next stated meeting. Mr. Hamilton and the clerk were appointed to apportion the expenses of Presbytery for the year 1875 among the congregations, when the statistical returns for the year should have been received from them, and the clerk was instructed thereafter to notify the congregations of the respective amounts so apportioned. The Presbytery unanimously nominated Mr. McPherson, of Stratford, moderator of next General Assembly. Messrs. Peter Musgrave and Andrew Riddell were appointed members of the Committee on Bills and Overtures at next meeting of the Synod of London, and Messrs. James W. Mitchell and Ralph Donaldson, of the same Committee at next General Assembly. In view of the expense of attending the General Assembly at Montreal, and of the desirableness of full attendance, it was agreed to direct the attention of congregations to the rule as to paying such expenses contained in the 12th sub-section of the 1st section of the 1st chapter of the "Rules and Forms of Procedure" of the Church, and to urge compliance therewith. Thereafter the Presbytery adjourned to meet for ordinary business at eleven o'clock a.m. on the first Tuesday of July next, at Stratford. J. F.

**PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.**—This Presbytery met in Division Street Church, Owen Sound, on the 9th of March. Nearly all the ministers and a large number of elders were present. The whole of the morning sederunt, and part of the afternoon one, was devoted to a conference on the following subject: "How can we most efficiently employ our elders in congregational work, and enlist them in a sympathetic and thorough discharge of their duties?" Mr. Christie, representative elder from Meaford congregation, in the absence of Mr. Cameron, opened the discussion by reading an able and practical paper. He was followed by Mr. Dewar and others. At the close of the discussion, a Committee was appointed to draw up a deliverance on the subject, which would serve as a guide to sessions in discharging their duties. A petition was received from Keady, etc., congregations, praying the Presbytery to secure them the services of Mr. Amos for the summer months; also one from South Diagonal, etc., asking for the services of Mr. Nicol during summer. The H. M. Agent, Mr. Whimster, was instructed to secure, if possible, the services of these students for the above named places. Messrs. McNaughton, Stevenson and Durie were appointed a deputation to visit South Diagonal, Wiarton, etc., and report at next meeting. Principal Caven was unanimously nominated moderator of the next meeting of the General Assembly. Messrs. Dewar and Christie were appointed members of the Committee on Bills and Overtures for the Assembly; and Messrs. Whimster and Durie members of the Committee on Bills and Overtures for the Synod. The Remit on the modification of the Constitution of the General Assembly was approved. The Remit on the change of ecclesiastical year was disapproved. An arrangement was made with Tornbury and