

The records of Knox's Church, Ayr, were examined, and certified as correctly kept.

The minutes of Toronto Presbytery were read, agreeing to the translation of the Rev. John Aull, from Knox Church, Brampton and Malton, to Ratho and Innerkip. The Presbytery agreed that Mr. Aull's induction to Ratho and Innerkip take place at Ratho, and within the Presbyterian Church there, on Tuesday, the 18th October next, at 11 a.m. Mr. Wright was appointed to preach on the occasion, the Moderator, Mr. Hume, to induct, Mr. McMullen to address the minister and Mr. Cochrane the congregation.

The Presbytery then proceeded to take up Mr. Gillespie's application for restoration to the office of the Ministry. The Clerk read extract minutes of the last General Assembly, remitting the case for disposal to the Presbytery, and appointed certain assessors to sit with the Presbytery in issuing the case. At the request of the assessors, the minutes of Presbytery in the case, and all other documents having a bearing on the case, were read. Mr. Gillespie was afterwards heard, at the request of the Presbytery, in support of his application for restoration to the Ministry. After consideration, the Presbytery proceeded to give judgment. It was moved by Dr. Topp, seconded by Mr. Walter Inglis, "The Presbytery having heard all papers in the case, and having heard an additional statement from Mr. Gillespie, who was present, whilst expressing their sympathy for him in the position which he now occupies, and whilst not calling in question the sincerity of his repentance, are yet of opinion that, in view of all the circumstances of the case, and also having respect to those higher considerations which affect the sacredness of the ministerial character, and the general interests of the Church and of the truth as it is in Jesus, and likewise the freedom from reproach by which a Minister of the Gospel should be distinguished, it would not be expedient to comply with the petition of Mr. Gillespie, and restore him to the office of a minister of this church, and resolve accordingly. But, while coming to this conclusion, the Presbytery, in view of the fact that Mr. Gillespie has, since his deposition, been residing in the United States, will throw no obstacle in the way of his application to any of the Courts of the Presbyterian Churches in that country, for restoration to the Holy Ministry there."

It was moved by Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Lowry, "that having heard the papers in the case and having heard Mr. Gillespie in support of his petition, the Presbytery, while very favourably impressed as regards Mr. Gillespie's repentance, yet having regard to the great responsibility involved in the act of restoring a deposed minister, as also to the aspects of this case, agree not to dispose of it, but refer the matter back to the General Assembly." It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. McRuer, "The Presbytery having heard all the papers in the case, and having heard an additional statement from Mr. Gillespie, and believing in the sincerity of his repentance, feel warranted in restoring him to the membership of the Church, as they now hereby do;—in reference to Mr. Gillespie's application for restoration to the Holy Ministry, the Presbytery deem it more expedient inasmuch as Mr. Gillespie has resided for the past five years within the United States, that application for said restoration should be made within the limits and to a Presbytery in the United States; and further, that in the event of Mr. Gillespie making such application for restoration, this Presbytery will gladly furnish all necessary information to enable them to come to a right decision in the case."

On the vote being taken between the amendments of Mr. McMullen and that of Mr. Cochrane, the amendment of Mr. Cochrane was carried by a majority; and on the motion of Dr. Topp having been put against the amendment of Mr. Cochrane, Dr. Topp's motion was carried by a majority. The Presbytery accordingly resolved that it would be inexpedient to comply with Mr. Gillespie's petition, and restore him to the Holy Ministry.

Mr. Lowry, on behalf of the Foreign Mission Committee, made a statement in reference to the proposal of said Committee to send a missionary to China or India. After consideration, it was moved, seconded and agreed, that the Pres-