

Historical Statement.

As an historical statement, and for the sake of future reference, the Session desires to place on record the following particulars relating to the termination of the pulpit vacancy, consequent on the death of the late beloved pastor of St. Andrew's Church, the Rev. J. Allister Murray.

In our last annual report it was stated that the hope was cherished that when the congregation was called upon to make choice of a pastor, such choice would be one approved of by God, and so serving the congregation's best interests ; we believe that this hope has been realized.

At a very largely attended meeting of the congregation, held in the church, on January 30th, 1895, it was unanimously decided to proceed with a call, and at a later meeting, held on February 6th, 1895, it was with one accord agreed to insert into this call the name of the Rev. Robt. Johnston, B.A., B.D., of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay. Mr. Johnston was not a stranger to the congregation, as he had in 1889, while a student, occupied our pulpit for a time during our late pastor's absence in Europe, and the excellence of his work at that time, not yet forgotten, made it much easier for the congregation to make a choice.

The call was enthusiastically signed both by members and adherents, and we are thankful to say it proved to be one of the most unanimous calls ever presented to any minister in the history of the church

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