

Toronto Presbytery

The Presbytery of Toronto met yesterday in the Lecture-room of Knox Church, Rev. John M. King, Moderator, in the chair.

The attendance was not large, as little business of importance was anticipated.

Agreeably to a suggestion of the clerk, it was agreed that those sessions who have not produced the records for examination since the period of the Union be required to produce them at next meeting. Attention was then called to the fact that the motion adopted at last meeting in regard to the annuities at St. John N.E., did not specify to what particular purpose the collection should be applied, and on motion made by Mr. J. Maclellan, Q.C., it was resolved that the particular application of the funds collected by the congregations within the Church be left to the judgment of the respective congregations making the same. It was then reported by Rev. Mr. McGillivray that, agreeably to appointment, and after due notice, he had moderated in a call from the congregations of Knox Church and Melville Church, Scarborough, which was given unanimously in favour of Rev. R. P. McKay, preacher of the Gospel. The conduct of Mr. McGillivray in this matter was cordially approved of. The call was then read, and was found to be signed by 183 members and concurred in by thirty-eight adherents. A paper was read from said congregation, giving a promise of \$1,000 as annual salary, together with a manse and globe, and appointing several Commissioners to appear before the Presbytery. Several of the Commissioners appeared and were heard. They stated that a larger number of signatures would have been attached to the call if a longer time had been given to do so. It was then moved and agreed that the call be sustained and transmitted to Mr. McKay. At a later hour Mr. McKay appeared, and the call being put into his hands he accepted of it. The Moderator and the Clerk were then empowered to assign him subjects of trial for ordination. The Presbytery proceeded to take the remaining trials for license of Mr. W. A. Wilson, M.A., and all the trials of Mr. A. R. Kennedy, M.D. The trials were given in accordingly, and the young men were also examined in the various subjects appointed by the Church. It was moved thereafter and agreed that, taking a conjunct view of all the trials, the Presbytery sustain the same, and proceed to license. The usual questions were then put, and those being answered satisfactorily, the young men aforesaid were, after prayer, duly licensed to preach the Gospel. Rev. R. M. Croll reported that as instructed he had gone to the Presbytery of Guelph, and acquainted the said Presbytery with the mind of the Toronto Presbytery as to the proposal to erect a congregation at Ballinafad, and found that the Presbytery of Guelph were not ripe for giving an opinion thereon. It was then moved and agreed to receive the interim report of Mr. Croll, and thank him for his diligence. Also that such supply be given, in the meantime, at Ballinafad as is practicable for the ministers in the neighbourhood; and that Mr. Croll and Rev. J. Alexander be appointed to appear at next meeting of the Presbytery of Guelph and prosecute the matter. An application was read from the congregation of Laskey and East King for the appointment of one to moderate in a call. Rev. J. Dick was appointed to moderate accordingly. In absence of Rev. J. Smith, Rev. R. Wallace moved, seconded by Prof. Gregg, and agreed, that in the opinion of this Presbytery the liquor traffic is the greatest external barrier to the progress of the Church of Christ; that it robs the Church of ministers and members, and neutralizes to a great extent the influence of our Sabbath School work. We would therefore urge upon all our office-bearers, members, and adherents the practice of total abstinence, and the adoption of right measures for the lessening of the fearful evils of intemperance. The Presbytery, believing the adoption and enforcement by the different municipalities of the Temperance Act of 1854, upon which the electors of Toronto will soon have the opportunity of voting, would in a great measure lessen the evils of intemperance, therefore resolve that we commend the said Act to the earnest and prayerful consideration of our congregations, and do recommend that ministers, in whatever way they may judge best, do bring the subject prominently before the people.

A good man has said:—"My impossibilities I take to the Lord;" and he has a warrant for so doing in the words of Christ: "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

The race of mankind would perish, did they cease to aid each other. From the time that the mother binds the child's head, till the moment that some kind assistant wipes the death-damp from the brow of the dying, we cannot exist without mutual help. All, therefore, that need aid, have a right to ask it of their fellow-mortals; no one that holds the power of granting can refuse it without guilt.—Sir Walter Scott.

It is the law of life that men should mate and mingle and be interwoven with many. Joys and pains are mutual. We cannot keep our own experiences to ourselves. They are not like solid substances, but like volatile elements. They pass their subtle influences into others, and they quicken people to a larger life or kill that life that they have. You cannot hurt yourself alone, my friend. You cannot sin and take the penalty all to yourself. An innocent one shall divide the punishment with you; and so in all evil-doing man is doubly cursed—first, in the injury done himself, and second, and more yet, in the injury he has brought to some other one. Now, in no other evil course does a man so imperil others as in the formation of drinking habits. If he has a wife, or children, or parents, he brings shame and disgrace to them all. Nor can they protect themselves. We cannot barricade our sensibilities against feeling. We cannot expel suffering from our hearts when once it has thrust itself in. We are at the mercy of the social and spiritual condition of others, and might as well hope to keep fever from our nostrils when its taint is in the air, as sorrow from our hearts when those we love misbehave.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

DIED. At Pine River manse, on Tuesday, 29th of July, Margaret Jane, the beloved daughter of the Rev. William Graham, in her 20th year. At the residence of his father, Harris, on Sunday the 22nd ult., after a lingering illness, and in his 32d year, Charles Hammond McCoskey, youngest son of Mr. Sherwin McCoskey.

Official Announcements.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES. BRANTFORD. At Bracedridge, 1st Tuesday of August, at 7 o'clock. SAUGHAM. At Mount Forest, on the second Tuesday of July, at one o'clock p.m. TORONTO. In Knox Church, Toronto, on 15th Sept. at 11 a.m. SAUGHAM. At Durham, on 15th Sept., at 1 p.m. WHITBY. In the second Presbyterian Church, Bowmanville, on 15th Sept., at 11 a.m. PARIS. A private water meeting at Pincourt, on Tuesday, 21st July, at half past ten a.m. Congregational payments to Presbytery Fund are payable at this meeting. HUNTON. At Chinton, on the second Tuesday of October, at 11 a.m. LINDSAY. At Lindsay, on the 25th August, at 4 p.m. LONDON. In St. Andrew's Church, Barrie, on 21st August, at 7 p.m. KINGSTON. In St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, on the 9th October, at 7:30 p.m. BRANFORD. At Macintyre, on 7th August, at 2 p.m. PARIS. In Zion Church, Brantford, on September 23th, at 2 p.m. OWEN SOUND. In Knox Church, Owen Sound, on the 18th September, at 11 a.m. BRUCE. In St. Andrew's Church, Kincardine, on 25th September, at 2 p.m. PETERBORO. In St. Paul's Church, Peterboro, on 15th September, at 12 o'clock.

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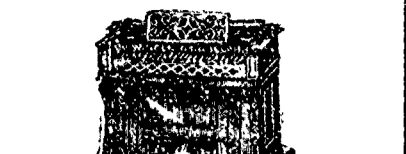
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