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### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held within Knox's Church, Hamilton, on the first Tu- day of November, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

M. Y. STARR, *Pres. Clerk.*

### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Next ordinary meeting will be held in the basement of Knox's Church, Toronto, on the first Wednesday of December, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

T. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

### PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Ridgton on the 3rd November, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk.*

### PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held in Kingston, on Tuesday, 9th Dec., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

WILLIAM GREGG, *Presb. Clerk.*

## Proceedings of Presbyteries, &c.

### HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Home Mission Committee met in Knox's Church, on the evening of Wednesday, 1st October. There were present, Rev. W. Reid, Convener, Rev. Messrs. Cheyne, Ball, McLeod,

Rogers, James Black, Gray, Gillespie, Inglis, Tolmie, Fraser, J. Ross, Dr. Burns, Dr. Irvine, Professor Young, Messrs. Clark and Christie.

The Convener read letters from the Rev. John Black, Red River. After consultation, the Committee appointed the Convener, Dr. Burns, Dr. Irvine, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Ure a sub-Committee, to look out for a Missionary to take Mr. Black's place, either temporarily or permanently, so as to enable Mr. Black to return to Canada.

The Convener read a memorial from Rev. John McKay, Probationer. After conversation on the subject of said memorial, it was agreed to hand it to the Presbytery of Montreal, with an expression of their hope that the matter referred to would be satisfactorily arranged.

The Committee then proceeded to the distribution of missions. It appeared that the demands of Presbyteries for the winter, amounted to thirty-one, while there were twenty-eight disposable missionaries. The following distribution was made, viz:—to *Presbytery of London*; Rev. Messrs. Forest, Stewart, Mitchell, McGillivray, and Irvine.

*Presbytery of Hamilton*—Rev. Messrs. Jamieson, McKay, Geikie, Beattie, and Milloy.

*Presbytery of Toronto*—Rev. Messrs. Grant, Rennie, Meltohic, Rogers, Snell, and Mr. Kennedy.

*Presbytery of Cobourg*—Rev. Messrs. Cuthbertson, Crawford, and McKee.

*Presbytery of Kingston*—Rev. Messrs. Chesnut and Wishart.

*Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa*—Rev. Messrs. Melville, McMeekin, and Montgomery.

*Presbytery of Montreal*—Rev. Messrs. Young, (after visiting Presbytery of London,) Windell, Allan and Straith.

### FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Foreign Missions met in Knox's Church, Toronto, on Thursday, 2nd October. There were present, Rev. D. Fraser, Convener, Rev. Dr. Burns, Rev. D. Inglis, Rev. W. Reid, and Mr. W. Clark.

The Committee authorized the payment of one hundred pounds in addition to £250 previously ordered to be remitted for outfit and passage money for Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson.

The Convener read letters recently from Mr. Stevenson. The Committee felt great satisfaction at Mr. Stevenson's acceptance, and the spirit manifested by him, and instructed the Convener to communicate this to Mr. Stevenson.

The Committee had their attention directed to Lucknow in the Kingdom of Oude, as a suitable place for the establishment of the mission, and so far as they had information, expressed themselves favourably in regard to this locality.

### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

This Presbytery met on the 30th of September, and spent the greater part of that day

and a portion of the two following days in Session. Eleven ministers and five elders were present. A very considerable amount of business was transacted, of which the following are the principal items:—

A Call from the United Congregations in Markham, to Rev. A. Young, Probationer of this Church, was presented to the Presbytery, and sustained; and the Clerk was instructed to transmit it to Mr. Young without delay.

The Committee formerly appointed to moderate in a call at Whitby, reported to the Presbytery, whereupon, after mature deliberation, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to:—That the Presbytery being deeply impressed with a sense of the importance of the Congregation in the Town of Whitby, and convinced of the necessity of having there two services, with the ordinary gospel appliances every Sabbath, are of opinion that the Town should be a distinct charge—guarantee for two years a sum not exceeding £30, annually—and that the station in the rear of Whitby should be associated with the Congregation in the front of Reach—and accordingly re-appoint the Committee—instruct them to communicate to the Congregation, the opinion of the Presbytery in the matter, and, if they consent to the arrangement, empower them to proceed in moderating in a call.

A petition was presented from Mono Centre, requesting the Presbytery to moderate in a call to Rev. A. Crawford, from the Congregations at Mono Centre, and at Mono West.—Rev. J. Nisbet, and Rev. J. Alexander, were appointed to moderate in a call as soon as convenient, and to take steps to organize the Congregation at Mono West.

Rev. J. McLachlan, and T. Wightman, were appointed to dispense the communion at Erin, at their convenience, and to arrange about the supplies at Erin and Caledon West, for the winter.

A communication from the Congregations at Boston and Milton, asking the Presbytery to send certain candidates to supply those Congregations, was read and considered. It was agreed to grant the prayer of the petition so far as to endeavour to procure a hearing of the preachers named.

Sixteen Students were examined by the Presbytery, and certificates granted them accordingly previous to their entering their classes in Knox's College.

The Presbytery held a conference on the State of Religion within the bounds. The Report of the Synod's Committee on the State of Religion was read. The members generally took part in the conference. A change in the plan of holding the missionary meetings, was proposed by Mr. MacTavish, in terms of the notice formerly given; which was discussed at some length. At a subsequent sederunt, a paper was read containing proposed plan of missionary meetings and visitations similar to what had been sketched in conference—whereupon, Rev. J. Gray, and J. MacTavish, were