

THE PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO met in the usual place on the 4th of July when 15 ministers and 2 elders were present.

Mr. Pringle was appointed Moderator for the next twelve months, but not being present when the appointment was made, Professor Young, the last Moderator, continued in the chair.

It was reported by Professor Caven that, since last ordinary meeting, he had dispensed the Lord's Supper to the congregation of Weston, and had received six persons into the fellowship of the Church.

An extract minute of the General Assembly was read, authorizing the Presbytery to ordain Mr. George L. McKay to the holy ministry, and to make arrangements in connection with the Foreign Mission Committee for his designation to the work whereunto he has been called, viz., in China. The Moderator was then appointed to assign to Mr. McKay subjects of trial for ordination; and it was agreed that the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery be held in the usual place on the 19th of September, at 11 a.m., when the trials referred to shall be heard; and, in case of their being satisfactory, that the Presbytery meet in Gould Street Church in the evening of the same day, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of ordaining him and designating him as aforesaid, Mr. Pringle to preside, put the questions, and offer up the ordination prayer, Mr. Meikle to address the congregation, and that the Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, Mr. McLaren, of Ottawa, be requested, through the clerk, to deliver the charge to Mr. McKay, and to notify these appointments to the members of Committee; the Presbytery, in making them, believing that they would harmonize with the Committee's wishes.

There was also read an extract minute of the General Assembly, bearing on the appointment of Mr. Inglis, of Hamilton, to be Professor of Systematic Theology in Knox College, and instructing the Presbytery to induct Mr. Inglis into said professorship at the opening of next session of Knox College. It was then moved by Mr. Gregg, and agreed, That the Presbytery meet on the first Wednesday of October, at 7 p.m., for the installation of Mr. Inglis as Professor, and appoint Professors Caven and Young, and Messrs. Pringle and Reid, a committee to consider the detailed arrangements to be adopted, and to report to the meeting in September.

A letter was read from Mr. John Baikie, declaring his acceptance of the call addressed to him by the congregations of Knox Church, Brampton, and Burns' Church, Walton, but stating his inability to appear at the Presbytery meeting, and craving a few weeks' delay in regard to his settlement. After some consideration, it was agreed to hold a special meeting in Knox Church, Brampton, on the 1st of August, at 10 a.m., for the purpose of receiving Mr. Baikie's trials; and in the event of their being satisfactory, that the ordination services be proceeded with at 2 p.m. of the same day, Mr. Pringle (the Moderator elect) to preside, put the questions and offer up the ordination prayer, Mr. McKay to preach, Mr. Christie to deliver the charge to the minister, and Mr. Croll to address the congregation.

An application was read from 21 persons, representing themselves as members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church, residing in Sandford and its vicinity, in the township of Scott, and praying the Presbytery to take the necessary steps to form them into a station in connection with the station at Mount Albert. Anent this application, Mr. Duncan, interim Moderator of the Session of Mount Albert, was heard, as was also Mr. D. McKerracher, missionary student. After some reasoning, it was agreed, on the motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Alexander, That the petition of the people of Sandford be received, that the Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee be instructed to correspond with, and, if possible, to appear before, the Presbytery of Ontario in regard to the establishment of a mission station in that place; and that the matter of supply of preaching there, in the meantime, be left in the hands of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee.