

favour of the Basis, *cum nota*, one Session and one Congregation. It was moved by Dr. Topp, seconded by Mr. King, that the Presbytery, having considered the remit of the Assembly with regard to the matter of Union, approve the said remit *simpliciter*. In amendment it was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Prof. McLaren, that this Presbytery, while recognizing the importance of Union among Churches holding so much in common as the negotiating Churches do hold, and trusting that a satisfactory union may, ere long, be consummated, regret that for various reasons, especially on account of the absence of any distinct recognition of the Headship of Christ over the Church and nations, or of any definite deliverance, such as was asked for by the Assembly of 1872, indicative of the sense in which the language of the standards on these points is understood by the Churches negotiating this Union, they cannot regard the present Basis as satisfactory, and recommend further negotiations with a view to the removal of difficulties felt by many in this Church. In further amendment, it was moved by Professor Gregg, seconded by Dr. Jennings, that the Presbytery, having considered the remit of Assembly respecting Union with other Presbyterian Churches, resolve to approve of the Basis of Union adopted by the General Assembly, and to reserve for further consideration, at a future meeting of Presbytery, the resolutions appended to the Basis. Before putting the foregoing to the vote, it was asked if the latter amendment was, in the circumstances, a competent one? And eventually, with leave of the Presbytery, it was withdrawn, Professor Gregg declaring his intention not to vote at all. Mr. Reid's amendment was then put as against the motion of Dr. Topp, when eight voted for the former and 14 for the latter. It was therefore declared that Dr. Topp's motion carried. In accordance with a petition from the congregation of Cheltenham and Mount Pleasant, Mr. Pringle was appointed to moderate in a call to a Minister. Mr. Eadie was appointed to dispense the ordinance of the Supper to the same congregation. A petition was read from the congregation of York Mills and Fisherville, praying for the appointment of one to moderate in a call, and promising a salary of \$600 per annum. This petition was dealt with favourably, and Mr. Cameron was appointed to moderate accordingly. A circular was read from the Assembly's Convener on the State of Religion, and agreeably to his request, it was agreed to instruct all the Sessions to prepare and forward in due time answers to the queries which said Committee had transmitted. The petition from the Mission Station on College Street, Toronto, laid over from last meeting, was again taken up. After hearing report from Rev. J. M. King, it was moved by Mr. Dick, and agreed, that Mr. King be appointed to take the usual steps for organizing the petitioners as a distinct congregation of our Church, that he also be empowered to dispense the Lord's Supper among them at an early date, and that Messrs. Picken, Kerr and Bell be associated with him as an Interim Session. Dr. Jennings informed the Presbytery that, in view of his state of health for some time past, and in view of his labours as a settled pastor for more than 35 years, he felt it expedient to contemplate some arrangement whereby he might be relieved of his heavier toils without relinquishing the ministry altogether: and he asked the mind of the Presbytery in regard to the same. On motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed by the Presbytery to record their sincere sympathy with Dr. Jennings in regard to his failing health, and that a meeting be held in the usual place on the 2nd Tuesday of March, at 11 a.m., with a view (*inter alia*) to consider what arrangement might be made in his case, and that he be authorized to summon commissioners from his Session and Congregation to said meeting, that they may be severally heard for their interests. The Presbytery then proceeded to the matter of the Moderator (Mr. Christie's) resignation, as laid over from last meeting. A report was read by Mr. Pringle, Convener of a Committee in this case. Thereafter Messrs. John Still and Robert Forsyth, Commissioners, were heard from Mono Centre and Mono West respectively. Also Mr. Christie was heard on his own behalf, who adhered to the tender of his resignation. It was then resolved, on motion made, to accept of the resignation of Mr. Christie, and Mr. Carrick was appointed to preach to the aforesaid congre-