

of Presbytery, and as a pastor within its bounds. They would gratefully record their sense of the high place which, by his diligence, ability, and Christian zeal and bearing he obtained for himself, and held with increasing strength, in the affections and respect, both of his brethren in the Presbytery, and of the congregation of Scarborough, to which he ministered for more than eleven years. The Presbytery would also specially notice the great services which Mr. Fletcher has rendered as a member of Presbytery, by the regularity of his attendance at its meetings, by his valuable counsel, and by the readiness and efficiency which he discharged whatever duties were laid upon him by the Presbytery. It is therefore with sincere sympathy for the congregation of Scarborough on the loss which they have sustained by the translation of Mr. Fletcher to Hamilton, and with deep regret personally, that they part with their beloved brother, whilst they rejoice that he has been called to occupy a more prominent sphere, and follow him with their earnest prayers that he may continue to have the presence and blessing of the great Head of the Church, and may be long spared to be increasingly useful in the Lord's vineyard.

Mr. King, as convener of the Home Mission Committee, submitted and read the annual report of said Committee, from which it appeared that during the past year there were 7 stations or groups of stations, which, with 2 exceptions, received continuous supply of preaching, that the total membership of these stations amounts to 282, and that 460 children are under Sabbath school instruction. It appeared, also, [that, during the year, 4 buildings for mission Sabbath schools and Sabbath evening exercises were erected within, or contiguous to the city of Toronto, while a lot of land has been purchased for the erection of another, involving a total expense of \$11,631 79. It appeared further that the amount contributed to the Assembly's Home Mission Fund by the congregations of the Presbytery amounted to \$2,401 84, being an increase of \$584 67 over the previous year, notwithstanding that some of the congregations have not contributed an equitable proportion, and that now the Presbytery is the largest contributor to the Assembly's fund, and contributes also at the largest rate per member, unless the Presbytery of Kingston has advanced on its rate of last year. On motion made, the forgoing report was received, and the thanks of the Presbytery were given to the Convener for his great diligence in connection therewith. The Presbytery then disposed of various matters emerging from the report. A commission was appointed, consisting of the Moderator, (Mr. Pringle,) and Messrs. Christie and McFaul, with Messrs. Samuel Johnstone and Thomas Turnbull, elders, to meet at Mono Mills on the 21st of the month, at 2 p.m., for the purpose of considering the propriety of disjoining Mono Mills from Orangeville, and connecting it, if they should see fit, with Sandhill and Munsie's Corners, said commission to have full powers to issue this matter according to their collective judgement, and to report at next meeting of Presbytery; and further, the clerk was instructed to notify the congregations concerned of the appointment, and summon them to appear for their interests on the day mentioned. Thereafter, on motion made, it was agreed to recognize with gratitude the increase in contributions to Home Missions; and finding that some congregations are not doing what might be expected of them, resolve that steps be taken to ensure that every congregation has an organization formed for the purpose of raising funds for the schemes of the church; and further request the Convener to prepare an extract of the report, and that the committee have it printed in such a way as they shall see fit. The committee were then appointed for the next year.

A petition for moderation in a call was read from the congregations of Mulmur and Melancthon, and an accompanying promise made of \$440. (inclusive of supplement), as annual salary, together with a free house and garden. On motion made, it was agreed as follows:—With reference to the petition from the congregations of Mulmur and Melancthon, the Presbytery finding that the congregations are without a Moderator of session, appoint Mr