

Presbytery of Toronto.

This Presbytery held an ordinary meeting in the usual place on the 4th inst. Dr. Topp, Moderator. The following were the principal matters transacted: A committee was appointed to prepare a minute about the late Dr. Jennings, and report to next meeting. A call was produced from the First Congregation, Brockville, to Mr. Burnfield, of Scarborough. Relative papers were also produced and read. Commissioners from the congregation concurred were severally heard. Also Mr. Burnfield, who expressed his willingness to accept of the call. It was then resolved to loose him from his present charge, this resolution to take effect from the 23rd inst. And Mr. Gray was appointed to preach to the people in Scarborough, and to declare the charge vacant. Mr. MacGillivray, to be interim Moderator of the session during the vacancy. Prof. McLaren reported moderation in a call from the congregation of Old St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, given unanimously to Dr. Waters, of St. John, New Brunswick. The call was found to be signed by 67 members, and concurred in by 28 at Toronto. The annual salary is to be \$2,500, payable quarterly in advances. The call was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of St. John. Prof. McLaren and Archd. MacMurely to prosecute the same. Mr. McLaughlin tendered the resignation of his charge at Mono and Caledon. And Mr. McFaul was appointed to preach to the people there, to acquaint them with the step taken by their minister, and to require them to appear for their interests at next meeting. A committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Robb (convener), Mackintosh, Carmichael of Markham, Carmichael of King, Cameron, Wm. Clark Jr., and James Brown, to visit Cedar Grove and other localities adjacent, and to report in regard to their spiritual wants, etc., at a subsequent meeting. Mr. Pringle reported his conduct in dispensing the Lord's Supper and presiding in the election of elders at Alton; and he was appointed to take steps for the ordination of those, who were so elected. A memorial and petition was brought up from a member of West Church, Toronto, which was sent to a committee, and on their recommendation was disposed of to the satisfaction of all parties. Papers were produced and read in favour of Mr. John Dobbin West, once a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Australia; and it was resolved, as desired by him, to apply for leave from the General Assembly to receive him as a minister of our church. A petition was read from certain representatives of East King and Laskey, praying for a supplement to the former of these congregations, or that such a re-arrangement might be made in that locality as would help to remove the pecuniary embarrassment, and secure a countenance of gospel ordinances. Mr. D. Johnston was heard for the petitioners, and a committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Mackintosh, Gray, and MacGillivray, to visit and make enquiry, and report to next meeting. A memorial was read from St. Andrew's Church congregation, asking leave from the Presbytery to execute a mortgage on certain property belonging to the congregation. The prayer of the memorial was granted. The Draft Act for the constitution of the General Assembly was taken up and disposed of. The 1st and 2nd clauses were approved of. The 3rd clause was recommended to be modified as follows:—That each Presbytery shall elect its representatives at an ordinary meeting held at least thirty days before the meeting of the General Assembly; and in the event of any of these representatives resigning their commissions, it shall be lawful for the Presbytery to elect others in their place at any subsequent meeting previous to the meeting of the General Assembly. The 4th clause was also regarded as needing modification, and as follows:—That each Presbytery Clerk shall forward to the clerks of the General Assembly, at least eight days before its meeting, commissions in favor of the minister and elder elected as representatives; and from such commissions, etc., etc. The 6th clause was approved of, and the clerk was instructed to report in terms of the foregoing. As already stated in the PRESBYTERIAN, a paper was read from Mr. MacDonnell setting forth his belief on the matter of future punishment, agreeably to a requirement passed by the Presbytery at a pro re nata meeting in November last. It was moved by Mr. D. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. W. E. Mackay, that the Presbytery accept the paper of the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell as a sufficient answer in response to the requirement that he should report to the Presbytery his views on the subject of eternal punishment, at this meeting of Presbytery. In amendment, it was moved by Prof. McLaren, seconded by Mr. James Brown, that Mr. Macdonnell's paper be referred to a committee, to report thereon to a subsequent meeting. The amendment and the motion were then successfully put to the vote, when 17 voted for the former, and 9 for the latter. The amendment was consequently declared, and the following committee was appointed in terms thereof: Prof. McLaren (convener), Principal Cayen, Mr. Carmichael of King, Mr. Aitken, Mr. Robb, Mr. Breckenridge, Mr. D. Mitchell, the Moderator, Mr. James Brown, and Hon. John MacMurry, to report on the 18th inst., for which date the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed, and of which members will please take due note. A letter was read from Mr. Dick denouncing his pastoral charge at Richmond Hill and Thornhill, and assigning as his chief reason for taking this step an increase of bodily infirmity. Mr. Dick, being present, was briefly heard, and it was resolved that the letter lie on the table in the meantime, and that Mr. Aitken be appointed to preach at Richmond Hill and Thornhill next Sabbath, to inform the congregations there of the step now taken by their minister, to confer with them the next day as to whether he could not be retained in at least a part of his pastoral work, and cite them to appear for their interests at next ordinary meeting. Mr. Colin Fletcher, M.A., theological student, who had finished his curriculum at Knox College, applied to be taken on preliminary trials for license. He was tried according

ly; and the Presbytery resolved to take the remaining necessary steps for his license. Also, the Moderator and Mr. Robb were appointed to assign him subjects for trial discourses, persuaded that the remaining steps will be authorized by the Assembly. This was the last transaction of a long and exhaustive meeting of Presbytery.—R. M. NEATH, Pres. Clerk.

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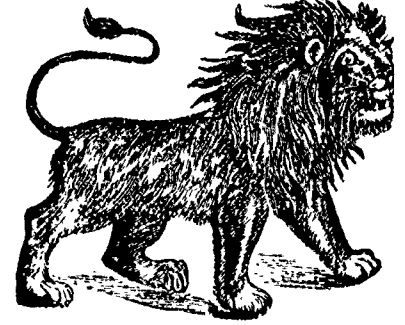
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