

**KINGSTON PRESBYTERY**

This Presbytery held its ordinary meeting in Belleville on Tuesday, Dec. 16th. Rev. J. D. Boyd, Moderator, and with him 17 ministers and 4 representative elders. A very successful conference had been held the day before under arrangements made by the committee on Young Peoples Societies, and it was resolved that instead of forming a Presbyterial union, conferences be held from time to time and that a committee on Young Peoples Societies make provision for such conferences. The Rev. D. G. McPhail was chosen Moderator of Presbytery for the next 6 months. A committee consisting of Principal Grant, Convener, and Messrs Maclean, Houston, Mackie, Boyd and Prof Dyde was appointed to consider and take action as to the best means of bringing the claims, not only of the Foreign Missions, but also of the H. M. and Augmentation Funds before the congregation of the bounds. The Rev. G. Shore was appointed as ordained missionary to Portsmouth and Collinsby, these stations guaranteeing \$400 per annum towards his stipend, and the Home Missionary Committee of Presbytery was authorized to apply to the Assembly's Committee for a grant in aid of the field. The induction of Rev. S. S. Burns to the charge of Stirling, and W. Huntingdon was appointed to take place in St Andrew's Church, Stirling, on January 12th at 7.30 p.m. A committee consisting of Messrs. Gracey, Laird and Peck, ministers, and Messrs. McIntosh and Russell, elders was appointed to visit Newburgh and Camden with Presbyterial powers to arrange certain matters between those congregations. A letter from the Prisoner's Aid Association in reference to establishment of a reformatory was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Houston and MacGillivray. The Home Mission Committee reported the mission fields within the bounds as in better condition than ever before. Two mission fields during the year had been raised to status of regular congregations and four others had applied for ordained missionaries. During the last year the sum of \$2,500 had been spent by the Home Mission Committee within the bounds of the Presbytery. The reports submitted showed 628 families, 835 communicants and 723 school pupils in the different mission stations. The Convener, Mr. Maclean, had prepared very elaborate details showing extent and condition of the work; being unavoidably absent from this meeting however, the report was submitted by Mr Gracey. The Presbytery resolved to defer the full consideration of the report until next meeting, and meanwhile tendered thanks to the committee and especially the Convener, Mr. Houston, as Convener of the Augmentation Committee, reported the amount of grant to Kingston Presbytery for the present year as \$1,500 and urged a hearty support of the scheme. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Stirling on Jan. 12th, thereafter to meet by adjournment in Chalmer's Church, Kingston, at 10 a.m., on the 3rd Tuesday in March next.

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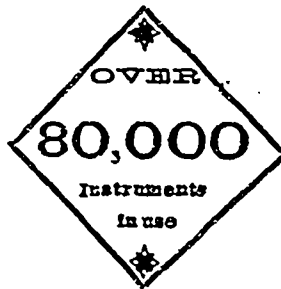
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