


Presbytery of London.

The Presbytery of London met in the First Presbyterian church, London. Rev. Geo. Sutherland, the moderator, presided, and Rev. W. A. Cook, of Dorchester, acted as clerk, *pro tem*. After routine the principal business taken up was the consideration of the report on Statistics and Finance for the year 1894, which was submitted by Rev. Mr. Talling, showing fifty-two congregations in the bounds of the Presbytery; thirty-three pastoral charges; families, 3,103; communicants, 6,882. There was contributed for stipend, \$30,856; for mission and other schemes, \$12,154. The report contained the following recommendations:—(1) Every congregation should send full reports of every department to the clerk of the Presbytery; (2) funds contributed for the Schemes of the Church should be distributed so that no scheme shall be omitted. Each congregation should take a financial interest in every scheme of the Church; (3) that the attention of all congregations be called by their respective pastors to the several departments of the Church's work for the purpose of securing a reasonable support for each and an increased support for all; (4) that the convener of this committee be changed every year, as a means of increasing the intelligence and interest of the Presbytery in this department of work. Rev. Mr. Stalker, of Glasgow, Scotland, was nominated to fill the professor's chair in Knox College, Toronto, made vacant by the death of Rev. Prof. Thomson. The committee on application of students was re-organized, and made to consist of Revs. A. Henderson (convener), J. G. Stuart, A. Miller, W. A. Cook, R. Stewart, of Melbourne, and Mr. A. Thompson, elder. It was announced that Rev. Mr. R. W. Leitch had accepted the call to Delaware. The induction was appointed to take place at Delaware at 2 p.m. on the 25th inst. Rev. Mr. Miller, to preside, Mr. Johnston to preach, Mr. Little to address the minister and Mr. McDonald the people, the edict to be served in due time. The Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting at Delaware on the same day at 11 a.m. for the transaction of general business. Regarding the appointment of a professor to fill the chair in Knox College, vacated by the death of the late Professor Thomson. Rev. Mr. Macdonald, of St. Thomas proposed that there should be a re-arrangement of the teaching department of the College, as Professor Gregg had resigned, which will render vacant the chair in Church History. A committee was appointed to prepare an overture to the Assembly on this subject and report in the afternoon. In the afternoon the committee, which Dr. Proudfoot had asked last March to enquire into a private matter affecting character, reported that they had enquired into all matters laid before them, and had found no ground for recommending the Presbytery to take any action, and asked that the committee be discharged. Report was received and committee discharged. Mr. Macdonald submitted the draft overture referred to in the previous session, absent the re-arrangement of the teaching department at Knox College. It was adopted. The principal business being finished, a conference was held on the following topics (the Rev. Mr. Cook presiding): I. "How can co-operation between different denominations of Protestant churches best be secured, so that the subjects of discipline should not be received into membership in other Churches, and how can each congregation be made aware of such an arrangement?"—W. J. Clarke, James Little and George Sutherland. II. "Apportioning of money to congregations for Home Missions and Argumentation."—Rev. Alex. Henderson, Appin. III. "The management of temporalities," especially in rural districts.—Rev. Alex. Henderson, Appin, and E. H. Sawers. Besides the above named gentlemen part was taken in the discussions by Rev. R. W. Ross, Glenora; Rev. Mr. Johnston, Rev. Mr. A. Stewart, Messrs. D. K. McKenzie, J. A. Young, Dr. Hodge, Mr. Nichol and Mr. Atkinson. In reference to the last subject it was moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Talling, that a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Henderson, Sawers and Cook, with Dr. Hodge and Mr. Young, be appointed to arrange for holding conferences of managing boards on the management of

temporalities and to report at the July meeting of the Presbytery. The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet in Delaware on Tuesday, 25th May, at 11 a.m., for business; and at 2 p.m. for the induction of Mr. Leitch. The next regular meeting will be held in St. Thomas (Knox church) on the second Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m.

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