

tions at both churches, and confer with the minister and people, separately or together as may be deemed advisable, and report, said committee to consist of Dr. Thornton, Messrs. Smith and Stewart, with Mr. F. Blakely, elder—Dr. Thornton, convener." The next regular meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held at Port Perry, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on the second Tuesday of December. The Presbytery took up the remit of the General Assembly on union, and, without discussion, the preamble, basis and resolutions were unanimously approved and adopted. Reports from sixteen congregations and sessions upon the remit were placed in the hands of the clerk approving in like manner. In one case only is there notice furnished of a contrary vote of a small majority; all the others either express or imply entire unanimity. The Presbytery also took up the remittant the composition of the next General Assembly. On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved to adopt the resolution of the Assembly in regard to the constitution of that body, so as to embrace all the ministers and elders on the rolls of the Presbyteries at the time of the meeting in 1875.

R. H. THORNTON, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—The Presbytery of Toronto met in the usual place on the 15th ult. We give a summary of the principal business:—Three different calls were laid before the Presbytery, viz.: one from the congregations of Cheltenham and Mt. Pleasant, in favour of Rev. Alex. Gilray; another from Vaughan and Albion, in favour of Rev. Peter Nicol; and a third from the congregation of Bay Street, in favour of Rev. W. Cochran, M.A., of Zion Church, Brantford. These calls were severally sustained by the Presbytery. A letter was read from Mr. Nicol, accepting the call. Trials were prescribed, and arrangements made for his ordination. The other calls were ordered to be transmitted in the ordinary way. A statement was made by Rev. W. Reid in behalf of Charles Street congregation, Toronto, and letters were read from Rev. J. Robertson, formerly of Paris, withdrawing his acceptance of the call presented to him by the congregation of Charles Street. The Presbytery agreed to declare the former call set aside, and authorized the Rev. W. Reid, moderator of the session of Charles Street Church, to moderate in a call to a minister when the congregation should be ready to proceed. The Presbytery expressed deep sympathy with Mr. Robertson, and with the congregation that had with so much unanimity called him. Returns from sessions and congregations on the articles of the Basis of Union, and accompanying resolutions, were called for, when a number were given in and read. The Remit on Union was considered by the Presbytery, when it was approved of. Mr. Robb recording his dissent mainly on the ground that the purity and uniformity of worship were not sufficiently provided for. A committee was appointed to allocate the amount to be raised by the Presbytery for the Assembly Fund. Various other matters were disposed of. In the evening the ordination of Dr. J. B. Fraser as a medical missionary to Formosa took place. An account of this will be found elsewhere. A special meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to take place in Vaughan on Tuesday, the 27th October, for the purpose of hearing the trial discourses of Rev. P. Nicol and of proceeding to ordain him, in the event of his trials being satisfactory.

PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE.—This Presbytery met at Bondhead on Tuesday, September 2, at 11 a.m. There were present twelve ministers and seven elders. The Rev. J. Dick, of Richmond Hill, was invited to sit as corresponding member, Mr. Rodgers was appointed to visit the stations at Lake Rousseau, to organize the congregation, preside in the election of elders, and dispense the Lord's Supper. A call signed by sixty-eight members and one hundred and thirteen adherents of the congregation of Knox Church, Oro, in favour of Mr. John McLean, of Finch and Roxboro', was laid on the table. Stipend of \$350 and a manse, and glebe of one hundred acres were promised. The call was sustained. Reasons for translation were prepared, and Dr. McVicar, of Montreal, was appointed commissioner