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Proceedings of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—A meeting of this Presbytery was held in the usual place, on the 4th of October, when the following were the more important matters that were transacted:

A verbal report was also made by Dr. Topp, as convener of a committee previously appointed to organize a new congregation in the East end of Toronto. The report was received, and agreeably to the tenor thereof, it was resolved to declare the persons who had been admitted an organized congregation of the Church, under the name of the East Church, and that Drs. Topp and Jennings, Mr. King, Hon. John McMurich, Mr. Wm. Kerr, Mr. T. Drysdale, and Mr. James Martin, be appointed an interim session for that church (Dr. Topp, Moderator), with instructions to take steps for the dispensation of the Lord's Supper as soon as possible, and otherwise to superintend the spiritual interests of the congregation.

A call was produced from the congregations of Ratho and Innerkip, addressed to Mr. Aull, of Knox Church, Brampton and Malton. Relative papers were also produced and read, all of them transmitted by the Presbytery of Paris. The clerk reported that he had taken the steps that were required to have all the parties forward at that meeting. Papers were then read from the congregations of Knox Church and Malton, and the call was put into the hands of Mr. Aull. Thereafter Mr. Craig was heard for the congregation of Innerkip, Mr. McMullen for the congregation of Ratho, and Mr. Aull for himself, and on motion made, it was unanimously agreed, that it is expedient that Mr. Aull be translated to Ratho and Innerkip, and instruct him to await the action of the Presbytery of Paris in this matter. The Presbytery also expressed their high estimation of Mr. Aull's character and attainments, and of his official work as a minister and member of this Presbytery, and their best wishes for his future prosperity and success in the cause of the Gospel. Mr. Wallace was appointed to preach to the congregations of Knox Church, Brampton and Malton, on the 16th of the month, to intimate to them the decision of the Presbytery, and to declare the charge vacant.

Petitions were read from the congregations of Cheltenham and Mount Pleasant, asking the appointment of a member of Presbytery to preach on an early day, and moderate in a call for one to be a regular minister among them. Promises were also made of \$350 from each congregation, or \$700 in all, as an annual salary. It was moved by Mr. Reid, and seconded by Mr. Duncan, that the prayer of the above application be granted, and that Mr. Pringle be appointed to preach and moderate as applied for, at such a time and place as he may duly determine and give notice of. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Alexander, and seconded by Mr. Wallace, that this application be deferred in the meantime till the Home Mission Committee determine on a new arrangement of the stations as previously proposed. The amendment and motion were then put, when the motion was carried. And from this decision Mr. Alexander dissented.