

various respects encouraging, was received, and thanks were accorded to the Convener for his care and diligence in connection therewith. A number of particulars growing out of the report were considered and disposed of. *Inter alia*, it was agreed to appoint a committee, consisting of the ministers and professors in the city of Toronto, together with an elder and a deacon from each of the city congregations, Mr. Gregg to be convener, for the purpose of conferring on the matter of Church Extension within the city, and taking such action as may be deemed advisable thereanent. It was also agreed that the Clerk be instructed to convey the thanks of the Presbytery to the Presbyterian Sabbath School Teachers' Union for their diligence and liberality in connection with the erection of a new place of worship in the east end of the city; as also to the Students' Missionary Association for their interest and co-operation in connection with the same. In regard to the station at Munsie's Corners, it was agreed to recommend Messrs. McFaul, McConnell, Croll and Christie to supply the same with preaching, at least in the meantime, as far as it may lie in their power. It was further agreed to instruct the clerk to convey the thanks of the Presbytery to Mr. Cochran, of Brantford, for his valuable and effective labours in connection with various missionary meetings held lately within the bounds of the Presbytery. It was further agreed that the Home Mission Committee be authorized, if they see fit, to employ in midsummer Mr. Robert J. Laidlaw, and that the clerk recommend to the General Home Mission Committee for employment as they may see fit, Mr. Isaac S. Simpson; both of these persons being theological students of Princeton College. The Presbytery's Home Mission Committee were then re-appointed for the ensuing 12 months.

Mr. Ewing, of Georgetown, applied for leave of absence from his charge for 15 weeks, as he intended to go to Britain for the recruiting of his health, and he had made arrangements for the supplying of his pulpit. Mr. E.'s application was cordially granted.

Papers were read in favour of Mr. John B. Watt, a minister without charge from the Presbyterian Church in the Lower Provinces, who wishes to be received as a minister of our Church. On motion made, it was agreed to apply, through the clerk, to the General Assembly for the said object, and that notice of the same be also sent by the clerk to the other Presbyteries.

The matter of appointing commissioners to the General Assembly occupied considerable time. In relation to the appointment of representative ministers, it was moved by Mr. Campbell and duly seconded, that in appointing commissioners to the General Assembly, the Presbytery proceed partly by rotation and partly by election, six commissioners being appointed by the former and four by the latter method; and that the rotation by which the six commissioners be chosen be that of every fifth minister in succession on the roll of the Presbytery. In amendment, it was moved by Dr. Topp and duly seconded, that the ministers, representatives of the Presbytery, being ten, according to the proportion defined in the Act regarding the General Assembly, be chosen by rotation, three from the top of the list according to ordination, and three from the bottom of the list, and four by election. In further amendment, it was moved by Mr. Meikle and duly seconded, that the Presbytery, in arranging to send delegates to the General Assembly, do so by rotation and election, six by the former and four by the latter method; the rotation to proceed, beginning with the top of the roll for one half, and beginning again with the middle of the roll for the other half. Votes being taken on the foregoing, Mr. Meikle's amendment was carried over that of Dr. Topp; and Mr. Campbell's motion over Mr. Meikle's amendment. The Presbytery therefore decided in favour of Mr. Campbell's motion. In regard to the method of proceeding in appointing elders, it was resolved to proceed partly by rotation and partly by election. Thereafter, on the motion of Dr. Topp, it was resolved to make up a list of the congregations in alphabetical order, and that six elders be chosen by rotation from the first six congregations, and that four elders be chosen by election. This motion, however, was at an