

Proceedings of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—This Presbytery met at Montreal, in the Presbyterian College, on the 27th and 28th days of January, 1875. Eighteen ministers and six elders were present. The court sat four times. It appeared that, since last ordinary meeting, the Rev. R. M. Thornton had been translated to Glasgow, Scotland; Mr. E. F. Torrance, called by Nazareth Street Church, Montreal; Dr. R. F. Burns had declined to be translated to Knox Church, Ottawa; Mr. G. Burnfield, of Scarborough, had been called by Chalmers' Church, Montreal, and Mr. P. Wright, of Ingersoll, by Chalmers' Church, Quebec; Mr. J. C. Baxter, Dundee, by Stanley Street Church, Montreal. The Rev. John McEwen, and the Rev. J. K. Smith, of Galt, and the Rev. Charles Chiniquy, sat, by request, as correspondents. The translation of the Rev. Peter Wright having been granted by the Presbytery of Paris, his induction was appointed to take place in Chalmers' Church, Quebec, on the 11th of February. The congregation of Roxborough having petitioned for disjunction from the congregation of Finch, and for a moderation in a call, the prayer was granted. The congregation of Kenyon having presented a call addressed to the Rev. Adam McKay, Nova Scotia, said call was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond. Mr. E. F. Torrance, A.M., declined the call addressed to him by Nazareth Street Church, Montreal. A call from Fort Massey Church, Halifax, to the Rev. R. F. Burns, having in due order come up for consideration, after Mr. J. K. Smith had argued for translation, and Messrs. David Morrice, John Sterling, Archibald Ferguson, J. H. Mooney, Hugh Watson, and Dr. D. H. Macvicar, opposed. Dr. Burns took some time for further reflection, and ultimately announced his decision in favour of accepting the call; whereupon the Presbytery resolved that he be loosed from the pastorate of Free Church, Cote Street, Montreal, on the 22d day of February, and translated to the Presbytery of Halifax, for induction into the pastorate of Fort Massey Church, Halifax. The Presbytery at the same time recorded in their minutes a suitable and well-merited testimony of their esteem and good-wishes for Dr. Burns. The Rev. Kenneth Macdonald having been called by the congregation of Indian Lands, the question of his translation from Alexandria emerged; and Mr. Charles McDonald having argued for, and Messrs. John Simpson and Robert Wilson against the translation. Mr. Kenneth Macdonald, when asked to state his views of the case, left the matter to the judgment of the Presbytery. It was moved by Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Watson, that Mr. K. Macdonald be translated; it was moved by Mr. D. Paterson, and seconded by Mr. R. Wilson, in amendment, That, considering the interests of the Glengarry mission, and the short period that has elapsed since its inception, the Presbytery deems it inexpedient to remove Mr. Kenneth Macdonald from Alexandria, and accordingly sets aside the call. The amendment was carried by a majority of eight to two,—Messrs. Watson and Wellwood dissented. The congregation of Lancaster having petitioned for half of the pastoral services of the Rev. Kenneth Macdonald, promising as salary five hundred dollars (\$500), with use of manse and glebe, the Presbytery instructed Mr. K. Macdonald to give half of his pastoral services to Lancaster, in the meantime, and appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. James S. Black, N. Paterson, John Scrimger and James Watson, to confer with the congregations interested, and to report at next meeting of Court. The Quarterly Home Mission Report was read and received, and considered. The Presbytery appointed Mr. Gavin Sinclair to officiate as a missionary at Harrington, and resolved to settle at New Glasgow a missionary who can speak both English and French. Sessions were instructed to send in their reports on the state of religion on or before the first Wednesday of April; at which time they ought also to give in reports of missionary meetings in their several congregations. The Rev. John McLeod, by leave of the General Assembly, was received as a minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

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