

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—A meeting of this Presbytery was held in the usual place on the 6th of April; twenty ministers and four elders were present, exclusive of nine ministerial visitors.

Mr. Dick reported that, according to appointment, he had met with the congregations of Laskey and King and preached to them, but found that, while the former were prepared to proceed in a call, the latter were not. A call was produced from 17 of the Laskey congregation; no call, of course, from King. Mr. Dick's conduct was approved of, but the call was set aside.

The annual report of the Home Mission Committee was read by the convener, Mr. King. In most respects the report was a favorable one; showing that the stations throughout the bounds had been on the whole regularly supplied, and with good results; that measures were being taken up for the erection of a church in Toronto East; but that a few of the congregations had fallen off in their contributions, while others had made progress. Thanks were given to the convener and the treasurer for their praiseworthy labors, and a new committee was appointed for the next year.

Certain steps were reported, and further steps were determined on, for obtaining a number of students in the preparatory course at Knox College, to labor as catechists during the ensuing summer, and it is hoped that nine of these may be so employed.

In connection with a report made by Mr. Pringle, an interim Session was appointed for the congregation of Cheltenham, chiefly with a view to examine and receive certificates from parties around Mount Pleasant, who may wish to be connected with said congregation.

A certificate was read from the Presbytery of Chicago, U.S., in favor of Mr. W. McConnell, who wishes to be received as one of our probationers. It was agreed to take the usual steps in connection therewith.

Messrs. John Munro, George Chrystal, John G. Calder, and Donald McDonald applied to be taken on preliminary trials for license. It was found that these young men had finished their theological course at Knox College, and that the way was clear for their examination being proceeded with. They were therefore examined as required by our rules; and the examination having proved satisfactory, it was agreed to apply to the Synod for authority to take the usual subsequent action.

Thereafter a committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Wallace, Gregg and Monteath, to bring up a report at next meeting of Presbytery, recommending the names of some members to act as examiners both of students and licentiates, on the various subjects prescribed by the rules of the Church.

Dr. Orniston, of Hamilton, was nominated for moderator of next meeting of Synod, and Messrs. Ewing and Barclay were appointed to serve on the committee of Bills and Overtures.

The Draft Act for a General Assembly, &c., was taken up; and the following changes were agreed to be recommended thereon, viz., that the General Assembly shall consist of *one-half*, &c.; that the words, "*by rotation*" be added to Section 1st of Rule II.; that 2nd Section of same Rule be given thus, "*the Presbytery shall forward to the Clerk of the General Assembly a certified Roll, &c.*"; and that *two* be substituted for *three*, and *half* for third in 3rd Section. All the other parts of the Draft were unanimously approved of.

The Moderator, having left the chair, submitted and gave notice of moving an overture to the Synod, in regard to the endowing of Knox College.

The Treasurer read his annual report on the Presbytery Fund, showing a balance in his hand of \$32.13.

It was agreed that all remits of Synod, not yet considered, such as the Hymn Book of the English Presbyterian Church, and the act for the reception of ministers, shall be taken up and disposed of at next meeting of Presbytery, which is to take place in Knox Church, Toronto, on the 1st Tuesday of May, at 11 a.m.

R. MONTEATH,
Presb. Clerk.