

and is well fitted to maintain and advance the cause of Christ, in the important fields of the Church, by his zeal and ability in public addresses. The Presbytery express their deep affection for Dr. Burns, their sorrow at parting with him, and their prayer that the Lord may greatly bless him in his new sphere of labour."

Mr. Kemp was appointed Moderator of the Chicago Session, and he and Mr. Warden were instructed to procure suitable supply for the congregation during the vacancy.

The next Regular Meeting of Presbytery to be held in Adelaide Street Church, Chatham, on first Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m.

Bothwell, 18th April, 1870.

ROBT. H. WARDEN, *Presb. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—An extra meeting of this Presbytery was held in the usual place on the 4th and 5th of April, when a large amount of business was done.

Mr. Alexander reported that, according to appointment, he had preached at Boston Church and Milton on the 6th of March, and had declared the charge vacant. Also that the Session desire a continuance of supply for the pulpit among them; and that if it were practicable, an acceptable student of theology might be appointed for a limited period. This matter was referred to the Home Mission Committee.

The attention of the Presbytery was called to the fact that since last ordinary meeting, the University of Aberdeen had conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on Mr. Topp, the minister of Knox Church, Toronto; and on motion made, it was unanimously agreed to enter on the minutes of the Presbytery its cordial satisfaction with said action of said university.

The Moderator, Mr. Gregg, directed the attention of the Presbytery to the propriety of taking some steps for securing a number of student catechists, to labour in various parts of the Church during the ensuing summer. The suggestion of the Moderator was homologated by the Presbytery: and Principal Willis, Messrs. Meikle, Dick, Dr. Jennings, with the Moderator as convener, were appointed a committee for the purpose aforesaid.

Messrs. Thomas Ritchie, James Breckenridge, John Gray, H. I. McDiarmid, Peter Wright, John Baikie, W. A. McKay, and George Burnfield, all of them students of theology, applied to be examined on the usual subjects, with a view to their being taken on public probationary trials for license. An interim certificate in their favour, was read from Principal Willis. They were accordingly examined at some length, in Latin, Greek, Philosophy, Theology, Church History, and Practical Religion. The examination was highly satisfactory, and it was agreed that the Clerk shall apply to the General Assembly at its ensuing meeting for leave to take the said students on public probationary trials for license.

Commissions were read from four Sessions in favour of certain elders to represent them in the superior church courts; and the records of three Sessions were laid on the table, which, after being examined by Committees, were reported on favourably, and ordered to be attested accordingly.

Application was made by the united congregations of Laskey and King, for the appointment of one to preach and moderate in a call. The application was complied with, and Mr. Dick was appointed for that purpose, the Session and he to determine when the moderation shall take place.

The Treasurer of the Presbytery produced and read his report for the preceding 12 months, showing a balance on hand of \$58, although there are a few congregations who are still in arrears. The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to the Treasurer, and it was agreed that in the event of the Provincial Synod applying to the Presbyteries composing it for the money necessary to meet its expenses, the treasurer shall be authorized to pay the required quota for this Presbytery.

Mr. King, as Convener of the Home Mission Committee, produced and read the annual report of the said Committee. The report, which was full, and in