

Presbytery in the case, and proceeded to the examination of Mr. McDonald in the usual branches prescribed by the Synod. Mr. McDonald read discourses on the subjects prescribed, and the Presbytery being satisfied with the examination agreed to sustain the trials. Mr. McDonald was licensed as a preacher of the gospel according to the form prescribed by our church.

G. CUTHBERTSON, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery met on the 6th August. The following is a summary of the principal business done. The Rev. W. Meikle was received as a minister of the Church.—A Committee was appointed to make arrangements for the visitation of congregations by deputations as arranged by the Committee on the augmentation of stipends. Mr. Pritchard gave in a report with reference to Beachville. Reports were also presented with reference to the mission station at New Hamburg, which was described as being in a prosperous state. Mr. J. W. Bell delivered his trial discourses with approbation and was licensed to preach the gospel. The Pre-bytery accepted Rev. W. Inglis' resignation of the pastoral charge of Erskine Church, Woodstock, and in doing so adopted the following minute with reference to Mr. Inglis:—

The Presbytery in accepting the resignation of Rev. Wm. Inglis would herewith express the sincere regret they entertain, when called to part with their excellent brother with whom they have had such cordial and pleasant fellowship.

They would bear testimony to his independence of character—to his intellectual gifts—to his transparent directness in all his dealings with his brethren, and to his moral worth and faithfulness as a Minister of Christ. And in parting with him, they would most affectionately wish him God-speed—that the master whom he serves may open up for him a sphere of great usefulness—that he may long continue a witness for the truth, leading many to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as a Saviour, and that their brother and his family may long enjoy the favour and kind protection of their Heavenly Father.

KNOX'S CHURCH MONTREAL—RESOLUTIONS.

At a meeting of the Congregation of Knox Church, Montreal, duly convened by order of the Kirk Session—the following resolution and amendment were fully discussed, when the amendment of Mr. Swan was carried by a majority of two members.—Mr. McGibbon recording his dissent.

Moved by Alex. McGibbon, seconded by John Ewart,—That inasmuch as the decision of Synod as conveyed to the Session of this Church was arrived at by the Synod on a Reference from the Presbytery of Montreal, and as said Presbytery failed, or neglected to cite the Session or the Congregation, (they being interested parties), to appear for their interests, which was clearly the duty of the Presbytery to do, as directed by the laws of this Church, and inasmuch as the Synod has passed judgment on the Reference, without affording the Session or the Congregation the privilege of being heard in self-defence; therefore be it Resolved, a respectful Memorial be prepared and transmitted to the Synod at its next meeting, asking a reconsideration of their decision in this case, and in the meantime the order of the Synod to discontinue the use of the Organ in the Church shall remain in obedience until an answer to the Memorial is obtained.

Moved in amendment by Archr. Swan, seconded by R. C. Wilson,—That the Congregation having heard the report of the Commissioners appointed by them in support of the Overture from this Congregation to the Synod on the subject of instrumental music, and also having heard from the Session through its Chairman the Rev. Dr. Irvine, our Pastor, the deliverance of Synod in reference to the Organ now used in our Church, ordering the use of the said instrument in the meantime to be discontinued, while dissenting from said deliverance on what we consider to be sufficient grounds, we yet deem it our duty to submit to the decision of the Superior Court and to discontinue the use of the Organ for the present, awaiting the action of the Synod at its next meeting, on the Overture presented by us, and, that a Committee be now appointed to draw up a document stating the reasons and grounds for such dissent, the same to be engrossed on our Session Records.