

Moved by Mr. Kemp, and seconded by Mr. Proudfoot,—“That the Presbytery having considered the remit sent down by the Synod, on the question of the use of Instrumental Music in Public Worship, and appreciating the importance of the question to the welfare of the Church, agree to recommend to the Supreme Court of the Church, that it decline to legislate on the question at all; and leave it in the hands of Congregations, Sessions, and Presbyteries, to act, in regard to it, as may seem for edification, only engaging that in the exercise of this discretion, care be taken that the peace of Congregations be not disturbed.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Scott—and duly seconded;—

That the Presbytery having considered the Remit of Synod, on the use of Instrumental Music in Divine Worship, agree to the following deliverance;—

That the uniform practice of this Church having hitherto been to conduct the public praise of God by vocal to the exclusion of Instrumental Music; and this Court, believing that this was the practice observed by our Saviour and His Apostles in founding the Christian Church; and also believing that the permission of the use of Instrumental Music, at this present time, would seriously disturb the peace and harmony of the Church, therefore, agree to recommend to the Synod that no change be made in respect to this matter.

The vote being taken, ten voted for the motion, and twenty for the amendment—and the Presbytery decided accordingly.

Messrs Kemp, Warden, and Dr. R. F. Burns, were appointed to proceed to Kankakee; and, should circumstances warrant, to ordain, and induct, Mr. De Mars there, on the 3rd Wednesday of January.

GEORGE CUTHBERTSON, *Presbytery Clerk.*

**PRESBYTERY OF GREY.**—This Presbytery met at Owen Sound on the 14th and 15th January. There were present ten ministers and six elders. In the absence of the moderator, Rev. R. Dewar was appointed moderator, *pro tem.*

Rev. W. Park, clerk of Presbytery, on the ground of the state of his health, tendered the resignation of his office, which was accepted, and the following minutes recorded: “The Presbytery desire, at this stage, to place on record their sense of the faithfulness, and diligence, with which the retiring clerk has, at all times, discharged the duties of his office, and their regret, that the state of his health deprived them of these services, at a time when they had become doubly valuable, by his long experience.” The Rev. A. Fraser, Port Elgin, was then appointed clerk.

The Presbytery expressed their pleasure at seeing the Rev. J. Cameron and the Rev. C. Cameron among them once more, after their visit to Scotland, especially since the Rev. J. Cameron has returned considerably invigorated in health.

Mr. Tolmie reported that he had, as appointed, moderated a call at Sydenham, &c., and laid on the table a call from that congregation, numerously signed, in favour of the Rev. John McNabb, when it was moved by the Rev. C. Cameron, and agreed to: “That inasmuch the person, named in this call, has accepted another call, it is deemed inexpedient to proceed further in the case.”

A report was read from Mr. McMillan, of his having moderated in a call at Egremont. This call was in favour of the Rev. Walter Wright. The call was sustained, and the clerk ordered to forward it to Mr. Wright. A petition was presented from Crawford Station, praying to be organized into a congregation, also petitions were read from Durham Road and Rocky Saugeen, each praying for the services of their pastor, Rev. C. Cameron, every alternate Sabbath, and pledging themselves, in that event, to pay each the half of his present salary. After hearing delegates, it was agreed to cite the parties to appear at next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

A petition was presented from North Brant and West Brant praying for the moderation of a call. After hearing commissioners, it was resolved to hold a special meeting of Presbytery, in North Brant Church, to dispose of the application, as might then be found best. A petition was read from Amabel praying to be continued under the pastoral care of the Rev. A. Fraser, in connection