

Laggan, and John Martin, elders. Messrs. Greig, Crozier and Macmillan were appointed alternates to the ministers. Mr. Moffat having left the chair moved that students labouring within the bounds supply the pulpits of those Commissioners to the Assembly during their absence whose congregations may wish and pray for such services. The motion having been duly seconded and put to the vote was lost, Mr. Moffat entering his dissent.

The remits from the General Assembly were taken up. The principle of appointing Alternates to the General Assembly was approved of. The remit on the subject of instrumental music being taken into consideration, it was moved by Mr. Duff and duly seconded, that the question of the use of instrumental music in the worship of God be decided in terms of the act adopted at last General Assembly. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Macmillan and seconded by Mr. Turnbull, that this Presbytery consider it inexpedient and dangerous to the peace and welfare of the church to pass the interim act on the use of instrumental music in the church into law, because it has not yet been shown by any Scriptural statement, example or legitimate inference from such, that the New Testament countenances the use of instrumental music in celebrating the praise of God in public worship. The vote having been taken the numbers were equal, when the Moderator gave his casting vote in favor of the motion, which was carried accordingly. Returns to said remit on instrumental music were given in from sessions as follows:—from Egremont, Normanby, and North and West Brant approving of the Interim Act on the subject, and from Mount Forest, Proton, and Rocky Saugeen &c., disapproving of the same. The remit on the subject of union was taken up. The basis of union being taken into consideration, the *first* article was agreed to. It was agreed that the *second* article be changed as follows: "That the Westminster Confession of Faith, with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms shall form the subordinate standards of this church, it being distinctly understood &c." The *third* and *fourth* articles were agreed to. It was moved by Mr. Macmillan and duly seconded, that the *third* article of the basis of union between the late Presbyterian Church of Canada and the United Presbyterian Church be inserted after the second article of the basis of union now under consideration. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Park, and duly seconded, that said article be not inserted. The vote having been taken, the motion was carried.

The Presbytery resolved to hold their next ordinary meeting at Durham on the 4th Tuesday of July at 11 o'clock a.m.

WM. PARK,  
Pres. Clerk.

**PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD**—This Presbytery met at Mitchell on the 23rd April, the Rev. A. Findlay, Moderator. Eleven, out of sixteen ministers, were present, together with three elders. Mr. D. D. McLeod, of the Free Church of Scotland, designated by the Colonial Committee, was received as a minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church. Session Records not yet produced were again ordered for next meeting. Dr. Waters reported that \$50 were granted for next six months, by the Home Mission Committee in behalf of Elma, &c., that \$3 a Sabbath were granted to Waitburgh and Logan, and that Messrs. Hartley and Panton had been appointed student-missionaries to this Presbytery for the season. He was appointed to deal with Elma, &c., on the subject of stipend, and report at next ordinary meeting. The Committee superintending Mr. A. Y. Hartley's studies reported that they had examined him on prescribed subjects and with satisfactory results, especially considering the amount of missionary work devolving on him. He had new work prescribed and was also appointed to deliver a lecture at next ordinary meeting. It was agreed to request General Assembly to allow Mr. Hartley to enter Knox College next session, as a third year student in Theology. Mr. Panton was appointed to deliver a sermon at next ordinary meeting. Home Mission and Statistical Committees were appointed.