

and also in the Merrick Street congregation, now the Central Church, in Hamilton. He was a faithful, active, consistent christian.

The Presbytery having taken up a paper from the pastor, elders, and members of the first Presbyterian Church, St. Catharines, asking whether the use of Instrumental Music would be a bar to their reception into this Presbytery. Mr. Norton, Pastor of the Church, was heard. After mature deliberation, it was unanimously resolved: That the Presbytery do not regard the use of Instrumental Music as a bar to the reception of the first Presbyterian Church, of St. Catharines, into this Presbytery; but in consideration of the fact that the whole question of Instrumental Music is now before the subordinate Church Courts, and will be adjudicated upon by the Supreme Court of the Church in June next, it is respectfully suggested that no further steps be taken by the church in St. Catharines, till after the meeting of the Synod.

It was further agreed to refer to the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church the question submitted to the Presbytery by the minister, elders and members of first Presbyterian Church of St. Catharines.

Mr. Inglis was appointed to proceed to Vittoria, and organize the friends there, that they may be placed under the charge of the Presbytery as a congregation of the church.

Mr. Rennie laid on the table of the Presbytery, his resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Dunnville and North Cayuga. The Presbytery appointed an adjourned meeting to be held in Central Church, Hamilton, on the 7th of February next, at 2 o'clock, p.m., to consider and decide on Mr. Rennie's resignation. The Presbytery took up the consideration of the Synod's remit on Instrumental Music, but in consequence of the small number of reports on the subject, from Kirk Sessions they delayed action in the matter till the next ordinary meeting in April.

JOHN PORTEOUS, *Clerk of Presbytery.*

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—The Presbytery of Stratford met at Stratford on the 14th of January.

The Rev. Robert Hamilton moderator—There were ten members and six elders present.

Notice was received from Mr. William Meikle that he has declined the call from the congregations of West's Corners and Gamble Settlement, and from the congregation of Millbank, Mornington. And a notice was received from the Clerk of the Presbytery of Truro, that Mr. Thomas Cumming has declined the call from the congregation of Widder Street Church, St. Mary's.

On an application from the congregation of Widder Street Church, St. Mary's, a committee was appointed to moderate in a call, should it be required, before the next meeting of the Presbytery.

A circular was read from the Board of management, of Knox College, respecting contributions to the College Fund. The Presbytery agreed that congregations be urged to increased liberality towards the support of Knox College. A report was given in upon the Presbytery fund; and it was agreed that congregations should send in their contributions to this fund before next meeting. The committee on the statistical and financial returns from congregations, gave in their report, which was read by Mr. Hamilton, the convener. The report contained an analysis of those returns with suggestions.

A committee was appointed on Sabbath-Schools and Bible classes, with a view to their improvement; and it was agreed that congregations be urged to contribute to all the schemes of the Church, and with increased liberality.

The remit from the Synod, respecting instrumental music, was sent down to Church Sessions with instructions to report to the next meeting of Presbytery, when the matter is to be taken up by the Presbytery. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Stratford on Tuesday the 24th day of March, next, at eleven, a.m.

WILLIAM DOAK, *Presbytery Clerk.*