

minster Confession of Faith, and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms are the Confession and Catechisms of this Church, and contain the authorized exhibition of the sense in which we understand the Holy Scriptures; it being always understood, that we do not approve of anything in these documents which teaches, or may be supposed to teach compulsory or persecuting and intolerent principles in religion."

The Remit anent Instrumental Music was sent down to Sessions, to be considered and reported on before next meeting.

In regard to the Remit anent alternates, the Presbytery agreed to overture the Synod of Montreal to take into consideration the propriety of overturing the General Assembly, to take the necessary steps to modify the Act for the constitution of the General Assembly and District Synods, with a view of securing greater facilities to Presbyteries for the appointment of representatives who may be able to attend the Supreme Court of the Church.

In regard to the State of Religion, Sessions were enjoined to send their answers to the list of questions submitted by the Assembly's Committee upon that subject, direct to Mr. James Whyte, so that he may draw up a report therefrom to be presented at next meeting of Presbytery.

In order to suit members in attending the meeting of Synod, the next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Carleton Place, on Monday, May 6th, at 2 o'clock p.m.

JAMES CARSWELL, *Presbytery Clerk.*

THE PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE met in the Barrie Presbyterian Church on the 30th January, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Seven ministers and four elders were present.

The chair was taken, and the meeting opened, in the absence of the Moderator, by the Rev. R. Rodgers.

After the reading and sustaining of the minutes of the last two meetings, a call was laid on the table from Innisfil congregation, in favor of the Rev. W. Blain. It was signed by 106 members and 41 adherents, and guaranteed a stipend of \$700 per annum and a manse. It was unanimously sustained, and transmitted to Mr. Blain.

A second call was laid on the table from the united congregations of Stayner, Duntroon, and Sunnidale, in favor of the Rev. Archibald Currie, which was signed by 88 members and 100 adherents, and guaranteed a stipend of \$700 per annum and a free house. The call was unanimously sustained, and transmitted to Mr. Currie.

The reports of the conveners of the several mission districts were called for, and only those from districts 1 and 6 were presented. The remaining 4 were ordered to be transmitted to the Clerk.

Mr. A. MacNab, Treasurer of the Presbytery, gave in his report, from which it appeared that the fund was in arrears to the extent of \$95. It was resolved that, from 1st July, 1872, the assessment for congregations of 100 members and upwards be \$5 per annum, and for those under 100, \$4; that these amounts include both the Synod and Presbytery Funds, and that an assessment *pro rata* be levied on the congregations to liquidate the arrears.

In connection with the visit to the Presbytery of the Rev. A. D. Macdonald, as deputy of the Foreign Mission Committee, the following resolution was adopted:—"That the Presbytery do hereby express their high sense of the zeal, ability and faithfulness with which Mr. Macdonald advocated the claims of the Foreign Mission, record their approval of the creditable and satisfactory manner in which he performed his difficult duties, and tender to him their cordial thanks for the aid afforded in holding, and the additional interest imparted to, the Annual Missionary Meetings by his fervid appeals and earnest addresses."

A committee was appointed to consider the most advantageous mode of holding the missionary meetings of the Presbytery.