

the motion. On the other hand, Messrs. Shanks, Petticrew, and others, held that fermented wine was an unsuitable emblem, and that its use formed a link between the Church and the liquor traffic. Dr. Watts' motion was carried by a vote of 120 to 78. **SUSTENTATION FUND.**—The report on the sustentation Fund was given by T. Sinclair, Esq. The report stated, that this year—the fifth of the existence of the fund—was the first when there had been any check to its progress, there being a decrease in the receipts of £422 12s. 7d., the total receipts being £25,660 6s. 8d. The report made several recommendations, with a view to the increase of the fund. The report was received and adopted. **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.**—It was anticipated that there would be no little discussion on this point; but the report of the committee, brought in by Rev. W. Johnston, of Belfast, stating the result of conferences which had been held with congregations which used instruments, and recommending that the Presbyteries shall see that the settlement of 1873 be honestly carried out, was adopted, with little discussion. One congregation had declined the visit of the committee. **FOREIGN MISSIONS.**—For Foreign Missions, the receipts last year had been £8,128; the largest yet recorded. Mr. T. Sinclair, in a powerful speech, moved the reception of the report. **STATISTICS.**—The families belonging to the Church were reported as 78,298, and communicants 109,156. The amount received for all purposes was £142,459 15s. 0d., being £6,810 in advance of last year. As to the spiritual life of the Church, it is stated that prayer-meetings, in which members of the Church take part, have continued for some years almost unchanged in number. In 1872, there were 838; in 1873, 824; in 1874, 842. This year 269 have been added; the total number being 1,111.

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CALLS, Etc.

The following calls have been given:—To Rev. H. H. McPherson, M.A., by congregation of *Biddulph*; to Rev. G. Bruce, M.A., by congregation of *St. Catharines, 1st*; to Rev. W. P. Walker, by congregation of *Binbrook and Saltfleet*; to Rev. J. Donaldson, by congregation of *Wardsville*; to Rev. E. Vincent, by congregation of *Aylmer* (declined); to Rev. W. P. Walker, by congregation of *Eden Mills and Rockwood*; to Rev. Mr. Macdougall, of Cape Breton, by congregation of *Cambray and Islay*; to Rev. J. A. McAlmon, by congregation of *Markdale and Holland*; Rev. R. F. Gunn has accepted call to *Hanover and West Bentwick*; the Rev. J. Somerville, M.A., has accepted the call given by the congregation of *Division Street, Owen Sound*.

INDUCTIONS.

The following inductions have taken place:—Rev. Dr. Mitchell, formerly of New York, as pastor of Central Church congregation, *Toronto*; Rev. J. Smith, formerly of Bowmanville, as pastor of Bay Street Church, *Toronto*; Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M.A., as pastor of congregation of *Norwood and Hastings*. Rev. W. Martin, as pastor of the congregation of *Norwich and Windham*.