

moved, seconded by Mr. Straith, "That the Presbytery having enquired into the carrying out of the scheme of meetings appointed at the August meeting, in connection with the augmentation of stipends, agreed to record regret that in some instances these meetings were not held." It was moved in amendment by Mr. McRuer, seconded by Mr. Donald, "That the Presbytery come to no finding in the matter, but pass on to the next item of business." On the vote being taken, the amendment was carried by a majority.

Mr. Balmer gave in an interim report from the committee appointed to organize the Church at New Hamburg.

The Synods remit on the "Organ Question" was taken up. It was moved by Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. James, "That with the view of meeting the wishes of congregations that desire to avail themselves of the aid of instrumental music in conducting the service of praise in their respective churches, this Presbytery recommends that the Synod grant the prayer of the Overture sent down to Presbyteries and Sessions; but in order to maintain intact the rights of Presbyteries and the principles of Presbyterian government, further recommends that the introduction of such instrumental music shall be regulated by the Presbytery of the bounds; and that congregations whether unanimously or by a majority wishing to introduce such aid, shall intimate said wish through the Session to the Presbytery, stating the degree of unanimity which prevails, and any other circumstances having a bearing on the application." It was moved in amendment by Mr. Lowry, seconded by Mr. McRuer, "That as many connected with the Presbyterian Church believe, that the scriptural authority for the use of instrumental music is very doubtful or cannot be produced; and as none maintain that such music is essential to spiritual worship, this Presbytery recommends the Synod not to give its sanction to the introduction of such music into the churches under its jurisdiction." On the vote being taken, 12 voted for the motion and 10 for the amendment.

Mr. Robert McIntyre, formerly a member of the Church at Innerkip, but suspended since 1855, appeared before the Presbytery, and asked to have certain grievances removed, caused it was alleged by the Kirk Session of Innerkip. Several motions were made, but the following made by Mr. Donald, was carried by a majority, "That the Moderator be instructed to inform Mr. McIntyre that in the view of this Presbytery, he is not in the position of a member under suspension; and that he may be received into the Communion of the Church in the usual form."

The Rev. Alexander Topp, of Toronto, was unanimously nominated as Moderator of the ensuing Synod in Montreal.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet within Knox's Church, Woodstock, on the 1st Tuesday of May next, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

WILLIAM COCHRANE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

LONDON PRESBYTERY.—The Rev. A. C. McDonald was ordained and inducted at Thamesford on 31st December. Rev. Mr. Sutherland preached; Mr. Simpson addressed the people; and Mr. Donald McKenzie presided and addressed the meeting.

The Rev. Mr. Milligan, whose trials were sustained at a special meeting in January, was ordained and inducted at Proof Line an English Settlement, on Tuesday 4th February. Mr. E. Donald preached; Mr. McMillan addressed the Minister; and Mr. Fletcher presided and addressed the people.

The Rev. Neil McDiarmid was ordained and inducted at Wallacetown, on Thursday 6th February. Mr. McDonald preached; Mr. Stewart addressed the Minister, and Mr. Sutherland the people. At the same meeting the Presbytery sustained a cail from Elmira Stark Co., Illinois, to Mr. Alex. McKay, Tiverton, Huron Presbytery. Mr. Clark was appointed Commissioner to prosecute the same.

At the December meeting the Presbytery took up the Synod's remit, in reference to the use of Instrumental Music, when the following motions were submitted;—