

instrumental music is Scriptural, this Presbytery, having in view the unity and pence of the Church, is of opinion that it is inexpedient under present circumstances, to make any change in the practice of the Church on this subject." Nine members voted for the amendment, and eight for the motion. The Rev. John McLachlan, and Mr. Daniel Cameron entered their dissent.

Knox College circular was received; and deputations on missions were requested to bring the claims of the College before the congregations at the missionary meeting.

Arrangements were made for the dispensation of the Lord's Supper, at Columbus, and Ashburn.

A petition from the united sessions of Cambray and Islay, was read, asking the court to appoint one of their number to moderate in a call. Mr. Irwin—certified commissioner—was heard in support of said petition, who stated that the congregations were prepared unitedly to offer \$400 for stipend, and that they desired the Presbytery to secure for them, if possible, the supplement of \$150 from the H. M. Fund. The prayer of the petition was granted; and Mr. MacTavish was appointed to moderate. The Presbytery also agreed to apply to the committee for said supplement.

In the matter of increase of ministerial support, it was decided that the deputies on missions when visiting the congregation meet with the office bearers to inquire whether said congregations had come to any arrangement on the subject, and that, in those cases—should there be any—in which no resolution had been come to, said deputations respectfully request those office bearers to bring the matter before a congregational meeting early, and report to the clerk of Presbytery before next meeting.

The next regular meeting was appointed to be held at Oshawa, on the second Tuesday of March at eleven of the clock *a. m.*

GEORGE RIDDELL, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—The ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 14th of January. Rev. R. Torrance, Moderator, *p. t.* Twenty ministers and fourteen members were present.

After hearing statements, which were all of them satisfactory, on behalf of congregations that were, in May last, more or less in arrears in the payment of stipend, and disposing of some routine business; the Presbytery took up consideration of the overture, sent down by the Synod, on the subject of Instrumental Music in public worship. It was moved by Mr. W. T. Murdoch, seconded by Mr. M. McKenzie, "That the Presbytery sustain the overture, but recommend that the Synod, in granting the liberty craved, impose such checks as in its wisdom are deemed necessary to preserve the peace of our congregations." It was moved by Mr. J. Middlem's, seconded by Mr. Geo. McLennan, "That the Presbytery having considered the overture of the Synod from the congregation of Knox's Church, Montreal, anent the use of Instrumental Music, and by the Synod sent down to Presbyteries, disapprove of the said overture, and declare their persuasion, in which it is their earnest hope that the Synod will express concurrence, that the use of Instrumental Music in public worship is contrary to the principles of the church, and cannot be permitted in any congregation connected therewith." The second motion was, after a lengthened discussion, carried by a majority of sixteen to nine.

THE PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met in Central Church, Hamilton, on the 14th of January. Dr. Ormiston, Moderator, occupied the chair. There were present 18 ministers and 6 elders. The Rev. Mr. Norton, of St. Catharines; the Rev. Dr. Martin, of the Presbytery of New York, O. S.; the Rev. Mr. James, of Paris; the Rev. Mr. Dawson, a minister without charge, and the Rev. Mr. McGlashan, of Pelham, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Presbytery adopted a suitable minute in connection with the death of Mr. P. Thornton, who departed this life, in Dundas, on the 20th of October last. He was for many years a representative elder, both in our congregation in Dundas,