

Sederunt: Dr. Proudfoot, convener; Dr. Laing, Dr. McMullen, Dr. Laidlaw, Dr. James, Dr. Cochrane and Dr. Thompson, and Messrs. McCuaig, Henderson and McDonald, ministers; and Messrs. T. W. Nisbet and D. D. Wilson, elders.

Dr. McMullen, at the request of the convener, constituted the meeting by prayer. Dr. Cochrane acted as clerk.

Dr. Proudfoot reported that in accordance with the instructions of the commission given him at the close of the meeting of Synod, he had cited the congregation of Knox Church and the Rev. Thomas McPherson to meet with the Commission this evening at 7.30 p.m., and had also cited the Presbytery, to be present by representatives if they saw fit.

Dr. Proudfoot also read a letter from Mr. Wright, of date April 29, asking whether the commission desired the congregation to meet with them, or simply representatives chosen by the congregation. To this he had replied, that the commission desired to meet with the congregation direct, and not by representatives. The same letter also contained a request from the Session and Board of Management of Knox Church, presented by Mr. Wright, that Mr. Adair, formerly a member of Knox Church, but now a member of the Bracebridge congregation, should be invited to be present at the meeting of the commission and congregation. To this request Dr. Proudfoot had replied, that Mr. Adair being no longer a member of Knox Church, could in no way represent the congregation at said meeting.

The commission spent three hours in considering matters in connection with the meeting to be held to-night, and in reading over minutes of Session, Board of Management and Presbytery, and also the financial statement of the congregation from 1877 to 1889.

After which Dr. Proudfoot pronounced the benediction and the commission adjourned, to meet again with the congregation at 7.30 p. m.

Knox Church, Stratford,

May 13, 1889, 7.30 p. m.

The commission met, pursuant to adjournment, Dr. Proudfoot in the chair, and Dr. Cochrane clerk. Devotional exercises were conducted by Drs. Proudfoot, Laing and James. There was a very large attendance of the congregation, along with Mr. McPherson and the Presbytery of Stratford.

Before the business of the commission had been entered upon, Mr. Wright raised the question as to whether this congregational meeting should not have been constituted by the pastor of the congregation, and thereafter a chairman appointed. The commission, however, held that it was the function of the convener to preside, while at the same time all the members of the congregation would have the right, and fullest liberty to take part in all the business of the meeting.

Dr. Proudfoot introduced the business of the commission, and then