

Caven,—The Presbytery having deliberated on the whole matter, whilst not declaring that the liberty that is sought is inconsistent with the standards or constitution of the Presbyterian Church, yet considering the diversity of opinion which exists in the congregation of the church generally—and desirous of avoiding everything wherein principle is not involved, which might tend to create division or schism in the church, find that it is inexpedient, in the meantime, and in present circumstances, to grant the liberty that is craved; but, further, believing that the anxiety of the members of the church in general is to render the service of praise in public worship more interesting and efficient, the Presbytery recommend to the Synod to adopt such measures as to its wisdom may seem best fitted to awaken a deeper interest in congregational psalmody, and to produce an improvement of the same.

On a vote being taken, Mr. Topp's amendment was carried successfully over the amendment of Mr. King, and the original motion of Dr. Burns, the final vote being 20 against 10.

There was read, a memorial from several members of Presbytery, setting forth the desirableness of having the Presbytery divided, and praying the Presbytery to take their memorial into consideration, and to take such action anent it as might be deemed advisable. It was agreed that the memorial should lie on the table till next ordinary meeting.

A circular was read from the Board of Management of Knox College; and, said circular was agreed to be recommended to the favourable consideration and action of all the congregations throughout the bounds.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet again in Knox Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 31st March, at 11 a.m.

R. MONTEATH, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The regular quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held on Tuesday, the 4th day of February last, within River Street Church, Paris. There was a large attendance of Ministers and Elders.

A letter from the Rev. James Howie was read in reference to Home Mission work during the last quarter. The Clerk was instructed to correspond with Mr. Howie, and the Treasurer instructed to liquidate his claim so far as received. A memorial from Stanley Street Church, Ayr, asking the Presbytery whether they claimed any jurisdiction over the property of said Church, was read. The Rev. Mr. Balmer and Mr. Thomas Ballingal were heard in reference to the memorial. The Presbytery recommended the session of Stanley Street Church, in conjunction with the managers, to take legal advice in regard to the nature of their Church deed, and report the result to the next meeting of Presbytery.

Letters from Rev. Mr. Smith, of Galt, and the Rev. John Laing, of Cobourg, were read in reference to a grant from the Home Mission Fund for Mount Pleasant Church—Mr. Peattie's. After deliberation, the Presbytery agreed to recommend the Mount Pleasant Congregation for a grant of \$100 per annum, the Clerk to transmit the necessary papers in the case and support the application before the Committee.

A document from Erskine Church, Woodstock, was read, stating that at a meeting of the congregation of said church regularly called, the congregation had decided by a unanimous vote to unite with the Beachville Church, under the care of one pastor, and craving the Presbytery to sanction and give effect to such an arrangement. A similar document was received from the Beachville Church. After the commissioners from the respective congregations were heard, the Presbytery agreed to grant the prayer of their petition, and appointed Mr. McDiarmid, of Woodstock, to announce officially the union of the congregations. Mr. McDiarmid was also appointed to undertake in a call to the united churches, if requested, before next meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery then proceeded, through the Moderator, to enquire of the several members of Presbytery as to how the deputation on the augmentation of stipends had been received by their respective congregations, after the answers had been given. The Moderator, Rev. W. T. Macmullen, having left the chair