

Tarbolton,	Thursday, January 30, at 2 p.m.
Fitzroy Harbour,	Thursday, " 30, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7, p.m.
Deputation. Messrs. Wardrope, Gourlay and Tait.	
Templeton,	Monday, January 1 st , at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7, p.m.
Clouccster,	Monday, " 20, " "
Deputation, Messrs T Wardrope and Moore.	

THOMAS WARDROPE, *Convener.*

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—The Presbytery of Stratford met at Stratford, on the 29th of October last. Rev. Robert Hamilton, Moderator. There were 10 ministers and 6 elders present.

The following calls were sustained, namely:—A call from the congregation of Widder Street Church, St. Mary's, signed by 184 members and 191 adherents, to Rev. Thomas Cumming; and two calls to Rev. William Meikle, one from the congregation of West's Corner's and Gamble's settlement, signed by 152 members and 69 adherents, and the other from the congregation of Mornington, signed by 86 members and 40 adherents.

A petition was received from the congregations of Molesworth and Listowel, praying for the moderation of a call, and the Rev. Robert Renwick was appointed to moderate in a call at Molesworth.

After disposing of several other items of business, the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Stratford, on Tuesday, the 14th of January next, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

WILLIAM DOAK, *Presbytery Clerk.*

Correspondence.

BOTH SIDES OF THE ORGAN QUESTION.

(*Second Letter.*)

MR. EDITOR,—In my last letter on "Both sides of the Organ Question," I indicated the rules that should guide our judgment in the matter; and I gave what may be regarded as a brief but fair statement of the objections or reasons usually advanced against the use of the organ. I would now give an equally brief and fair statement of the reasons or arguments commonly urged in favour of the use of the instrument. I must, first, however, apprise some of your readers that, it is not easy to state the arguments on both sides without *appearing to plead* either *for* or *against* instrumental music. The design of this and the previous letter, is simply to give an impartial statement of what both parties have said, written, and published. The arguments of each party are, I believe, fairly given, both as regards the selection, the nature, and the expression of them. There is, I acknowledge, a strong temptation to allow these writers, in an article like this, to indulge in a pleading or controversial style of argument, but this you wisely forbid in the pages of the Record. The bare argument—unadorned; in all its littleness or greatness; in all its weakness or strength; without any of the embellishments of rhetoric; and without any accompanying appeals to the passions—this is, I presume, what you approve of, and this is what honest and intelligent seekers after truth desire, so as to form an unprejudiced opinion, and give a conscientious decision on the Organ Question.

As the arguments on this side of the question have a relation to those of the other, it is proper, both for the sake of reference and from the nature of the subject, that I should follow very much the same order as in my last communication.