

The Rev. D. H. McVicar was appointed Moderator for the next six months; and the Rev. William Aitken, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A moderation, in a call, was granted to the congregation of New Carlisle, Hopetown, and Port Daniel, and the Moderator, Mr. Young and Mr. Gibson, were appointed to carry it into effect.

The remit of Synod on Instrumental Music was taken up. Returns on the same from Sessions were committed to Messrs. D. Patterson and J. Eadie, to be examined, and to be reported on to next general meeting of Presbytery. The prayer of the overture remitted to the Presbytery, namely,—“That the Presbytery of the Canada Presbyterian Church grant liberty to such congregations as wish the same, to employ the aid of Instrumental music in conducting divine worship in their churches,”—was patiently debated, and finally the motion of Mr. Cameron and Mr. Anderson was carried over two amendments, said motion being,—“That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Overture anent Instrumental music.” The majority of the motion over the carrying amendment was five; and, on the yeas and nays being taken, there appeared seventeen yeas and eleven nays. Dr. Taylor, with Messrs. Young, Coulthard, and Gibson, craved and obtained leave to have their dissent marked in the minutes.

Mr. Young was appointed Librarian, and authorized to take care of Presbytery Records and other papers in retentis; and Messrs. James Court and James Walker were appointed auditors of Home Mission accounts.

A moderation, in a call, was granted to the congregation of Cote des Neiges, and a special meeting of Presbytery was appointed to bring the matter to maturity. The Home Mission Report was read by Mr. Gibson, Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, and considered *seriatim*, and duly disposed of; the committee being instructed to write to congregations which have not sent any thing to the Home Mission Fund, of the Church, for the last two years.

Dr. Taylor gave notice of the purpose of the Session of Erskine Church to present to next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, an Overture to Synod, urging that the Canada Presbyterian Church shall forthwith enter fully upon missionary work among the Heathen. And Mr. Nathaniel Paterson gave notice of a motion in favour of an Overture to Synod, anent the institution of a Weekly Journal, to represent the views of the Church.

It was, finally, resolved that the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery should be held in Knox Church, Montreal, on the first Wednesday of May next, at ten o'clock, forenoon.

N.B.—At the meeting in May the Roll of Presbytery will be made up for the Synod.

JAMES WATSON, *Presbytery Clerk*.

**PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.**—The Presbytery of Brockville met on the 4th ult. The following are the principal items of business:—

A call from Prescott, in favor of Rev. J. Burton, was laid on the table. The call was accepted by Mr. Burton, and his induction appointed to take place on the 19th February.

The Rev. N. Patterson appealed to the Synod in the matter of the arrears at Merrickville, which the Presbytery have, as yet, been unable to settle.

The Presbytery took up the overture sent down by Synod with reference to the use of instrumental music in public worship. Rev. J. Jones moved, in substance, seconded by Rev. W. Bennet, that the prayer of the overture be granted, and that the question be left an open one; that whenever there shall be a fair majority in a congregation, the whole matter be referred to the Presbytery for their counsel. This motion was carried on a division. Against this finding Dr. Boyd entered his dissent.

The case of the Kemptville arrears was referred to the Synod for advice.

Mr. McKenzie on behalf of his congregation made application for aid from the H. M. Fund.