

to the Committee to make arrangements for Mr. Chiniquy's services; to sanction Mr. Chiniquy's employment of an English teacher; and to direct that the usual collection be taken up for this Mission.

MEETING OF NEXT ASSEMBLY.

It was agreed that the meeting of next Assembly should be held in Knox Church, Hamilton, on the first Tuesday of June, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

After long discussion the Assembly decided, by a two-thirds majority in favour of the motion of Mr. Cochrane, which was as follows:—"That the petition of the First Presbyterian Church, London, be granted in the meantime, and the whole question of instrumental music in the worship of God be sent down under the Barrier Act to Kirk Sessions and Presbyteries for their consideration during the ensuing ecclesiastical year, and that meantime the following be the interim Act for the guidance of the Church during the year: Whereas many earnest and devoted members of this Church are of opinion that the service of praise in the sanctuary would be assisted by instrumental music, and whereas the use of instrumental music is a matter of detail, which may be safely left to the decision of Kirk Sessions and congregations under the usual Presbyterial supervision; the General Assembly having considered the whole subject, and having regard to the unsatisfactory position in which the question now stands, while abstaining from direct legislative action, leave the whole subject in the hands of Kirk Sessions and Presbyteries; but urges congregations to continue their efforts for the better cultivation of vocal praise, and enjoins Presbyteries to take order that the substantial prosperity and harmony of congregations be regarded."

The Rev. John Ross, of Brucefield, with 31 ministers and elders, dissented from this decision for five reasons, to which the Assembly gave answers.

REPORT ON STATISTICS.

This Report was read by the Convener of the Committee, the Rev. Dr. Waters, and was dealt with in the usual manner. As the valuable Report of this Committee will shortly appear in the pages of the RECORD, it is unnecessary to give any abstract of its contents.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

This report was read by the Agent of the Church. It gave abstracts of the receipts and disbursements of the several schemes of the Church, and the balances against and in favor of the various schemes, and stated that the moneys for all purposes passing through the Treasurer's hands during the year amounted to the sum of \$60,000.

SEVENTH DAY.

LETTER FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

This letter, written by the Rev. W. Clark and the Rev. J. Unsworth, delegates of the Congregational Union, conveyed the fraternal Christian greetings of that body to the Assembly. The following is the answer of the Assembly:—"The Assembly rejoices in the opportunity again afforded to it of reciprocating the fraternal salutations of the Congregational Union, and desires to thank the delegates for their interesting statement respecting the condition and prospects of the influential body which they represent. The Assembly would also express its pleasure at the general agreement, in point of doctrine, which exists between the two bodies, and would earnestly pray that they may ever be guided and directed by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, and honored to maintain faithfully the truths of salvation, and thus to advance and build up the cause of Christ, and at the same time to exert a salutary influence in all things pertaining to the interest of our common country."