

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Smith, That we re-affirm our finding at the last Durham meeting, in respect to the congregation. The vote being taken, the amendment by Mr. Smith was carried. Mr. Dewar, joined by Mr. Brown, protested, and appealed to the Synod for reasons given in. A committee was appointed to prepare answers to the reasons.

Home Mission matters were considered, when it was agreed to apply for two probationers, for the ensuing six months, and that each minister give a Sabbath each quarter to the Home Mission field.

Applications, from supplemented congregations, were received, their statistics attested, and committees appointed to visit Normanby and Port Elgin congregations, with the view of having them removed from the list. Delegates appeared from South Keppel, presenting subscription lists, promising the sum of \$303 and asking supply. It was moved by Mr. Stevenson, and agreed to, that these stations deserve commendation for the spirit they have displayed, and the utmost support the Presbytery can afford them; and that the necessary means be immediately taken to congregate them and prepare them for calling a settled minister; and that the Home Mission committee be instructed to do what they can in order to facilitate their obtaining the services of a located missionary among them. Mr. Frazer was appointed to visit them, and organize them into a congregation. It was agreed that a vote of thanks be given to the Trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church for the use of their chapel on this occasion.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Durham, and within the church there, on the last Tuesday of December, at three o'clock, p. m.

A. FRASER, *Clerk of Presbytery.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—This Presbytery met, and was duly constituted at Montreal, in Erskine Church, at ten o'clock forenoon of Wednesday, the seventh day of October, 1868, the Moderator, the Reverend Daniel Paterson, in the chair. There were four sederunts; and during the course of the session there were present, with the Moderator, twenty-two Ministers and three Elders, and Professor D. H. McVicar, members of court; besides three corresponding members, namely, the Rev. W. McLaren, Rev. Robert Binnie, and Rev. James Whyte.

Inter alia,—The quarterly Home Mission report was read, received and carefully considered, and action taken thereupon in the interest of vacancies and mission stations. The Rev. D. Gordon brought in his *promised motion* respecting the use of instrumental music alleged to be resumed in Knox Church, Montreal; and, after discussion had been interrupted by the adjournment of court, and the induction of the Reverend Professor D. H. McVicar, at the evening sederunt, Mr. Gordon craved, and obtained leave, to withdraw his motion, because Dr. Irvine and Mr. Rowan had, without being solicited, frankly made the avowal in the court,—that the use of instrumental music *was* resumed in Knox Church, Montreal. The Reverend Alexander Young then put, as a leading motion, what he had before offered as an amendment, viz: "That inasmuch as the whole question of instrumental music, as an aid in the public worship of God, is now before the Synod of this Church; and inasmuch as no decision has yet been come to by the Superior Court on the subject,—this Presbytery do not, in the present circumstances of the case, enter upon the consideration of this matter."

Mr. Gordon moved, in amendment:—"Inasmuch as the Presbytery has received all the information demanded, by Dr. Irvine and Mr. Rowan, Elders,—agree to refer the whole matter *simpliciter* to the Synod." The amendment carried, and Presbytery determined accordingly to refer the matter simply to the Synod,—appointing Mr. D. Gordon and Mr. John Gordon to state the reference before the Superior Court. At the beginning of the fourth sederunt, Dr. Irvine asked and obtained leave to enter his dissent with reasons, both in his own name and in the name of those who might adhere to him.