

Church, Sydenham, be delayed until next ordinary meeting of Presbytery in Paisley. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Binnie, seconded by Mr. C. Cameron, —Be it resolved that this Presbytery always did, and do still recognize Knox Church, Sydenham, as an organized congregation of this Church. The amendment by Mr. Binnie was carried.

North Brant, and West Brant having united in a call to Mr. Duff, lately missionary to British Columbia, the call was sustained, and ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Duff. It was also resolved, that in case of the acceptance of this call, the Moderator should call a Special Meeting of Presbytery, to be held in Paisley, for the purpose of hastening the settlement of this pastoral charge; and also that of Egremont, should Mr. Wright accept the call given him by that congregation.

Mr. Cameron having stated that a certain sum of money, arising from the sale of the Memoirs of the Rev. Mr. McDowall, has been gifted by Mrs. McDowall for founding a bursary, in connection with this Presbytery, to be called the "McDowall Bursary," in memory of her late husband, formerly a minister of this Presbytery; it was agreed—That this Presbytery is pleased to find that there are good prospects, through the kindness of Mrs. McDowall, of Bermuda, of having a Bursary established in Knox College, Toronto, to be in the gift of this Presbytery. The Presbytery impressed with the fact, that few of the young men within its bounds are, at present, studying for the Christian Ministry, cherish the hope that this bursary may mend matters, and do hereby commend the bursary to the liberality of the congregations, so as to further increase the principal to be invested.

It was agreed to express this Presbytery's sense of gratitude to Mrs. McDowall for this gift, and that an extract minute of the above be forwarded by the to Mrs. McDowall.

It was agreed to apply to the Home Mission Committee for a supplement of \$50 for Egremont congregation in case of a settlement. It was also agreed to apply for \$100, each, for Port Elgin, Normanby, and Proton. It was also agreed to make application for aid, at the rate of \$2.00 per Sabbath, for the following mission stations:—Hanover, W. Bentinck, Holland, Collingwood, Mountain, the Peninsula, and Dumblane.

Mr. Topp, of Toronto, was nominated Moderator of next Synod. Mr. Tolmie was appointed a member on the Committee of Bills and Overtures. Mr. Stevenson, of Owen Sound, asked, and obtained, leave of absence for three months. It was resolved, that the Presbytery believing that some of its congregations are still in arrears to their pastors; believing also that some congregations pay their ministers inadequately, appoint a Finance Committee with instructions, that the Committee demand half-yearly returns from its congregations; that they deal with those in arrears; and, that efforts be made to bring up all stipends to a minimum of \$600. Messrs. J. Cameron, C. Cameron, and Park, ministers, and Mr. Binnie and Dodds, elders, were appointed this Committee— Mr. J. Cameron, Convener. It was resolved—That members of the Presbytery, in doing the public work of the Presbytery, be allowed their expenses; and, in the case of members travelling by their own conveyance, that they be allowed at the same rate as if travelling by public conveyance.

The remit of Synod, on instrumental music, was then taken up, and extract minutes of Sessions reporting read, all of which declared it inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Overture; when it was moved by Mr. Tolmie, seconded by Mr. J. Cameron,—That the Presbytery having taken up the remit of Synod, anent the Overture from Knox Church, Montreal, it was agreed that, while the court does not, in the meantime, express any judgment as to the Scripturality of the use of instruments in the Public Worship of God, yet, as there is very great danger of disturbing the peace and unity of the Church, should Synodical sanction be given it, it be therefore resolved,—that the prayer of the Overture be not granted. Moved in amendment by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Bremner:—The remit of Synod, as regards the Overture of Knox Church, Montreal, anent the use of instrumental music in Public Worship being taken up, the Presbytery, having in view the peace, purity, and unity of the Church, agree that the prayer of the Overture should not be granted. The vote being taken, the amendment, by Mr. McMillan