

13. Moved in amendment by Rev. J. Watson, seconded by Rev. W. Coulthart,

That the use of instrumental music in the worship of God, being reasonable and scriptural, the Synod agree to grant the petition of the overture subject to the provisions of the Barrier Act.

The discussion having closed on the morning of Tuesday 16th, the Synod proceeded to vote. In accordance with the standing orders the last amendment was put in opposition to the one immediately before it until all the amendments were disposed of, when the amendment that carried over the others was put against the original motion. The vote having been taken, the amendment of Dr. Jennings was carried over the other amendments and also over the original motion of Mr. Middlemiss. The last vote was for Dr. Jennings' amendment 128; for Mr. Middlemiss's motion, 56. The yeas and nays were called for when 126 voted yeas, and 31 nays. The motion of Dr. Jennings was then declared to be the decision of the Synod, viz.: that the overture on the use of instrumental music in public worship be laid on the table.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

The Foreign Mission Report was called for on the evening of Monday 15th. The report was given in and read by Mr. McLaren, convener of the committee. The report referred to the operations of the Church at British Columbia, Red River, and Saskatchewan. Under the charge of the Rev. R. Jamieson, at Nanaimo, there are 21 families who had contributed \$679 towards the support of a pastor, and for the purpose of building. At Red River Mr. Mathieson has been faithfully and successfully labouring during the year, while the mission at Prince Albert, in the Saskatchewan, under the care of W. Nisbet has been successfully inaugurated. The report referred to the means used to obtain the services of a minister for New Westminster, B. C., and another for the Red River Settlement, and stated that with the view of directing the attention of students to the Foreign Mission field, the Convener had, at the request of the committee, met with the students of Knox College and addressed them on the subject, the result of which was that one young man had intimated his intention of devoting himself to Foreign Mission work. With reference to the duty of entering on more specific efforts for the evangelization of the heathen world, the report mentioned that attention had been directed to China, but recommended that the field should be left an open question in the meantime. As to funds, the report stated that the balance at the beginning of the year had amounted to \$4,809.16, the collections during the year had amounted to \$4,381.18. The expenditure had been \$5,790.25, leaving a balance of \$3,360.29.

Mr. Nesbit, the Synod's missionary to the Indians in the Saskatchewan, addressed the Synod at length, and gave various interesting details as to the mission at Prince Albert.

There was taken up and read also an overture from the Session of Erskine Church, Montreal, transmitted by the Presbytery of Montreal, setting forth the duty devolving upon this Church to take up more extensively and energetically the evangelization of the heathen. Principal Dawson and Mr. Kerr were heard in support of the overture.

The Synod agreed to receive the report of the Foreign Mission Committee, and to refer the report with the overture on the subject of Foreign Missions to a small committee with instructions to report on the same tomorrow.

The committee appointed reported at a subsequent diet to the effect that the report of the Foreign Mission Committee should be adopted by the