

Whereupon it was moved, seconded, and unanimously resolved,—

That the Synod have heard with pleasure of the disinterested conduct of the Congregation of Knox Church, Hamilton; and agree to grant them such supply as they may have it in their power to give, and in every competent way to further the views of the Congregation, as represented by their Commissioner; and further recommended to the various Presbyteries and Sessions to co-operate, as far as possible, with the Presbytery of Hamilton, and the Session of Knox Church there, in affording such supply as the vacant Congregation may desire.

IV. THE METHODIST CHURCH, REPRESENTING VICTORIA COLLEGE.

In the Reply of the Conference in 1853 to the Address of the British Conference, the following paragraph refers to Victoria College: The number of Students in our College during the past year, has exceeded one hundred,—a larger number than ever before attended; and we are commencing an attempt to raise means to establish a Theological Department in connection with that Institution, and to assist young men duly recommended for our Ministry, to receive the advantage of a more thorough training for their great and holy work. As education and knowledge are rapidly and widely advancing in our Country, our Ministry should keep pace with, and if possible, keep in advance of, the intellectual progress of society.

HAMILTON, 10th June, 1853.

WELLINGTON JEFFERS, Secretary.

NOTE. At the Methodist Conference held in Hamilton in June, 1853, a Resolution was passed as follows:—

Resolved, That all our Ministers be instructed to take up an annual Collection at every Appointment. (Church and Station,) in all of our Circuits and Missions, for the general sustentation of Victoria College.

The number of Students in attendance at the College in January was One hundred and twenty.

CHAPTER III.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, 1853.

January 18th, 1853. No business of any public interest was transacted at this First Meeting of the Council.

January 22nd, 1853. *Ordered*, The subject of appointing a Music Master for the Normal and Model School having been considered it was,

Ordered that Mr. Elon Tupper be appointed Music Master on trial for one Month, at a salary of Fifty pounds, (£50), per annum; his appointment to be confirmed, if he be successful. Mr. Tupper will be required to teach for six hours per week in the Normal and Model Schools. No other business of public interest was transacted at this Meeting.

April 19th, 1853. The Chief Superintendent of Education reported the following to be the state of the Special Building Grant Fund up to this date:—

Due by the Council to the Bank at its last Meeting.....	£4,552	9	7
Payments by the Council up to date.....	803	4	6
Total due to the Bank at this date.....	£5,355	14	1

The accounts of the Contractors for erecting the Normal and Model Schools having now been fully closed it was,—

Ordered, That the sum of Fifty pounds, currency, be paid to Mr. J. George Hodgins for the onerous duties performed by him during the last three years in regard to the Contracts, Building Accounts, etcetera, of the Normal and Model Schools now closed.

The importance of making a permanent appointment to the Second Mastership of the Normal School, and of revising and confirming the other Appointments in the Normal and Model Schools, upon the retirement of Mr. John Herbert Sangster to accept a position in the Central School at Hamilton, having been under the consideration of Council it was,—

Ordered, First, That the Reverend William Ormiston, A.B., be appointed Second Master in the Normal School at the same Salary as has been heretofore paid to Mr. Henry Youle Hind, when he held that appointment,—namely, Three Hundred pounds per annum. Mr.