

run, with the Moderator, the Revds. G. M. Grant, John McMillan, W. T. Wilkins, J. F. Campbell and the Clerk. Rev. G. J. Caie, of St. John, N. B., and Rev. Hugh McMillan, being present during part of the session, were invited to sit and deliberate.

The Minutes of the last regular meeting in St. Matthew's Church, were read, and as slightly amended, were sustained. The Minutes of *pro re nata* meetings held at Richmond on the 9th and 19th of October, were also read and approved.

The Clerk called attention to an account presented on request of the Presbytery, by Rev. Hugh McMillan at the meeting at Richmond on the 19th Oct., being for supply given by him to Richmond, North West Arm and Goodwood; and claiming a balance due to him of \$246. After conversation it was agreed that the matter be referred to the Committee appointed for the purpose at the last regular meeting.

Mr. Wilkins handed in an account with the Presbytery for a balance of supplement due in the sum of \$123.33 up to Dec. 1st, 1871. The Clerk was instructed to give Mr. Wilkins an order for the same, (\$123.33), on the Treasurer of the P. H. M. Fund, and also to write to the Trustees of St. Paul's Church, Truro, stating that in the opinion of the Presbytery, that congregation should, after the first February, 1872, increase the stipend paid by them to their minister, by \$100, and thus become self-supporting so far as the Colonial Committee is concerned; the Presbytery having taken on itself the rest of the supplement required.

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Grant, seconded by Mr. McMillan, that, hereafter, supplemented congregations be instructed to apply quarterly for the amount of supplement granted to them by the Presbytery; and that the Clerk shall keep on file such written applications for sums paid and orders given.

"The institution of Minister's Widows' and Orphans' fund," as per minutes of last meeting of Synod in supplement of the August No. of *Record*, was taken up. After conversation, it was agreed, that the matter be deferred till next meeting of Presbytery.

Attention was called to the practice of publishing the proceedings of Presby-

tery, under the heading "Minutes of Presbytery," before being read and sustained at the next meeting. Opinions of members were expressed chiefly in regard to the propriety or impropriety of the usual heading of published "Minutes" so called, it being well understood that these were not the official minutes, but merely abstracts from the Clerk's draft minutes, to be thereafter submitted for approval. It was felt to be important to obviate the delay of publication and to prevent misunderstandings as well; and it was resolved, that as only abstracts from Minutes of Presbytery are published, they be in future published under the heading "Abstract Minutes of Presbytery of Halifax." It was further resolved, on motion of Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Wilkins, that Mr. J. F. Campbell and the Clerk be a Committee to revise the draft Minutes and select abstracts for publication.

The Rev. John Campbell having tendered his resignation as Moderator here pressed on the Presbytery for its acceptance. For reasons given by him, but with much regret on the part of Presbytery, Mr. Campbell's resignation was accepted. It was then moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to appoint Rev. W. T. Wilkins as Moderator for the remainder of the Synodical year. Mr. Wilkins took the chair accordingly; and the next meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, on the second Wednesday of March, 1872, at the hour of 4 o'clock p. m.

Closed with the benediction.

DANIEL MCCURDY,

Pres. Clerk.

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## Letter to the Editor.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—

We at Loch Lomond, C. B., are not numerous. There are about twenty families of us who are able to contribute towards the support of the ordinances of religion. There are some more, but they are poor and unable to do anything in the way of payment, but they are very faithful to the Church of Scotland. We expect to have our new church finished outside by next