

Mr McKinnon addressed the people on their promised obligations to their minister as contained in the terms of the call.

The Rev Mr Blair concluded with prayer.

The Rev Mr Walker introduced Mr Maxwell to the people who welcomed him in the usual way at the door of the Church as they retired, and afterwards to the Session. Thereafter his name was added to the Roll of Presbytery and he took his seat accordingly.

The Treasurer of the congregation stated that the first quarter's stipend in advance was in his hands, and would be paid immediately to their minister.

The Rev Mr Gordon from Annapolis being present was invited to sit as corresponding member. He stated that his people at Bridgetown being few in number needed assistance to build a church. The Presbytery agreed to recommend this case to the liberality of their people.

The Rev Dr Roy and Mr Blair reported that they had agreed to recommend the following minute in reference to the demission of the Rev John Stewart, which was adopted, and agreed to be engrossed on the Records of Presbytery and a copy sent to him:—

"The Presbytery deeply regret the necessity which compels them to drop the Rev Mr Stewart's name from their Roll, and in doing so would bear testimony to his talents and usefulness as a minister of the gospel, and his unwearied zeal and activity to promote the Redeemer's kingdom in these Lower Provinces, since the year 1834, the period of his arrival in Cape Breton from whence he was afterwards translated to New Glasgow in 1838, in which latter place he has continued to preach the gospel both before and since the disruption until the present time. The Presbytery would also take notice of his successful efforts to establish a fund for the support of Theological Professors as well as to collect money in Great Britain for building a Divinity Hall, both of which institutions the Presbyterian church of the Lower Provinces, in a great measure owes to his indelatigable labors.

"And finally the Presbytery would refer with gratitude to the testimony which he was enabled to lift for Christ's Royal Authority when he was left single handed as the only Free Church minister in the Presbytery of Pictou, at the time of the disruption of the Church of Scotland in 1843 and 1844. The Presbytery hope and pray that his life may be long be spared to be usefully employed in the service of his Lord and Master, and when he has finished his work on earth that he may receive the reward of the good and faithful servant by being called to enter into the joy of his Lord."

George McKay, Esq, Ruling Elder, from

Scotsburn congregation, requested the Presbytery to give that congregation, which was now practically vacant, supply of preaching. The request was granted.

Rev Mr Patterson, in connection with Messrs Thompson and Roddick to supply Salt Springs.

Messrs Samuel Gunn and Konnerth McKay, students of Divinity, were examined on subjects prescribed, encouraged to prosecute their studies for the Gospel Ministry and certified to the Hall.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of Presbytery in John Knox's Church, New Glasgow, on the third Tuesday of December, 21st, at 11 o'clock, a m, for ordinary business.

Presbytery of St. Stephen.

ST. STEPHEN, 15th Novr., 1869.

At which place and time the Presbytery met and was constituted by the Moderator, the Rev John Turnbull, with whom were present the Rev William Millon and the Rev Samuel Houston, M. A., ministers, and Angus McKenzie, elder.

In the absence of the stated Clerk, the Rev S. Houston was appointed Clerk, *pro tem*.

Mr Houston reported that in accordance with appointment of last meeting he had attended at St Stephen on the 14th of this month and dispeaced the Lord's Supper to the congregation there. His report was received, and his diligence approved.

The Moderator reported that according to appointment he examined Mr McKenzie, who had been labouring as a catechist within the bounds of the Presbytery during the summer, on the subjects of last sessions study, and was highly pleased with the attainments manifested; and further that he had certified him as a second year's student to the Divinity Hall. The report was received and the moderator's diligence approved.

A report forwarded by Mr McKenzie of his labors as catechist was then read. The report stated that for twenty six weeks he had held two, and sometimes three services every Lord's day, viz: at Baillie once every Sabbath, at Tower Hill once a fortnight, at Meredith Settlement once in three weeks, at DeWolfe's Corner and Lynnfield once in six weeks, with occasional service at Lawrence station; Reference was also made to Sabbath schools, prayer meetings and house to house visitations. A statement of accounts was appended showing that he had received \$152, American currency, of which he had paid \$32.50 for board and travelling expenses. The report was received, approved, and ordered to be forwarded to the Home Mission Board, with the recommendation that the balance claimed by Mr Mc-