

ters, and Messrs. W. H. Blanchard, Thos. Armstrong, D. Blackwood, and R. Murray, Elders. The chief business before the Presbytery this evening was the visitation of the Windsor congregation. Mr. McCurdy preached an able and appropriate sermon on the basis of Christian union—Eph. iv. 3-6. Mr. McLeod was appointed Moderator *pro tem*. The Presbytery first heard a brief statement from the senior minister of Windsor, Rev. J. L. Murdoch. It was highly gratifying to all the brethren to find their venerable father still in the enjoyment of vigor of mind and of body, and able to preach frequently "without money and without price," where his services are required. The Questions of the Formula, and such other questions as the Presbytery saw proper were proposed to Rev. E. Annand, to the Elders, to the session collectively, and to the managers. The facts elicited were, upon the whole, most cheering and satisfactory. The church is peaceful and prosperous; means of grace are well attended, and the preaching of the Gospel is not without its effect. The Sabbath and the Prayer Meeting receive due attention from the session.

The salary of the minister has been largely increased, so that now he has the promise of £200 a year, with a free manse. This places Windsor among the foremost of our churches in the matter of ministerial support. The congregation has long been trained to give liberally to the various schemes of the Church, and they continue to sustain their character in this respect.

We have rarely seen a more pleasing visitation. Only on a very few points did the Presbytery see it necessary even to make any suggestions of improvement.

A letter was read from Rev. W. Maxwell stating that he had moderated in Poplar Grove Church, and that the call had come out in favor of Rev. E. Annand. The Presbytery received the report and approved of Mr. Maxwell's diligence. After hearing explanations from Mr. Alexander James, the Presbytery agreed to sustain the call as a regular gospel call. Rev. Mr. McLeod was appointed to preach at Windsor, and notify the congregation to appear for their interests at next meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery then adjourned till Wednesday morning—when an application for moderation was received from the congregation of Yarmouth. Mr. J. S. Hatfield was present to give any explanations that might be required. It appeared that the congregation guarantee \$1200 a year; \$700 to be paid to the present pastor, Rev. G. Christie, and \$500 to the colleague. "The Presbytery grant the prayer of the congregation of Yarmouth, and in granting the moderation sought, agree to express gratification that the labours of Mr. Christie

have been blessed, as shown in the prosperity and enlargement of the congregation at Yarmouth, and embrace the opportunity of expressing high appreciation of efforts now being put forth by the congregation."

Rev. D. S. Gordon was appointed to preach and moderate on the second Wednesday of March. The Presbytery agrees to apply for a supplement of \$100 in order to enable the Yarmouth congregation to raise the salary of the colleague to \$600, and at the same time urge upon the congregation the duty of raising Mr. Christie's salary as soon as possible to \$800.

Rev. H. D. Steele laid his demission on the table of the Presbytery on the ground of utterly inadequate support received from his congregation. "The Presbytery sympathize with Mr. Steele in the trying circumstances in which he is placed from inadequacy of support, and direct the Moderator to preach in West Cornwallis to give notice to the congregation of Mr. Steele's tender of demission, and summon them to appear for their interests at the next meeting of Presbytery."

Mr. R. Murray applied for further leave of absence for Rev. W. Murray. His health, he stated, was improving. His leave of absence was prolonged till the end of March, and Rev. Messrs. Steele and Forlong were appointed to supply the pulpit during that month.

Rev. E. A. McCurdy applied for the services of Mr. A. Dickie during the summer months, as Catechist along the Eastern Shore. The application was granted.

Agreed that congregations be directed to make their special collections for the Presbytery expenses before the end of March.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be held (D. V.) in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, on the third Tuesday of March, at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

This Presbytery met in Poplar Grove Church on Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday forenoon. There were present the Revs. J. L. Murdoch, P. G. McGregor, W. Maxwell, James McLean, J. M. McLeod, Professor McKnight, E. Annand, E. A. McCurdy, and John Forrest, ministers; and Dr. Forrest, W. Anderson, D. Blackwood, and Robert Murray, ruling elders.—Rev. J. McLean, moderator, in the chair.

Commissioners from the congregation of Windsor and from Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, appeared before the Presbytery with reasons for and against the translation of Rev. E. Annand. The commissioners having been heard, Mr. Annand stated that he felt it to be his duty to decline the call. The Presbytery decided accordingly.

Rev. J. M. McLeod reported that he had preached at West Cornwallis and intimated to the congregation the tender of demission