

from age and infirmity are necessitated to demit their pastoral charges, and both he and Mr. Maxwell were appointed to support it before Synod.

It was also agreed to retransmit the Overture of Messrs. George Patterson and John MacKinnon asking the Synod to give seats in the higher Church Courts to those who by its authority are separated from their pastoral charges to be employed elsewhere in its service.

The following minute was adopted in reference to Rev. Dr. Roy and ordered to be inserted in the Records of Presbytery, viz.: "In removing the name of the Rev. Dr. Roy from the Roll of Presbytery, his brethren desire to express their unfeigned regret at the necessity thus imposed upon them. Dr. Roy's name stands in honorable connection with the history of this church during the period of well nigh 40 years. A Student of Drs. Paxton and Lawson and a Licentiate of the United Secession Church of Scotland, he emigrated to this country in compliance with an urgent Call from the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia. His first appointment was the supply of the pulpit of the late Dr. McGregor, *Clarum et venerabile nomen*. By the Committee of Missions he was thereafter sent to the Bay of Chaleur, where his services were so highly appreciated as to call forth a unanimous and cordial invitation for their permanence. Returning from this Mission he accepted the Call from East River congregation, Pictou, now James Church, New Glasgow. His ordination and induction took place April 13, 1831. From this date Dr. Roy has taken an active part in all the public duties of the church at large as well as of his own congregation, having rarely been absent from any meeting of Presbytery, and never from any meeting of Synod. During the period of 19 years he acted as Clerk of Presbytery and secured the esteem and confidence of his brethren in the faithful discharge of the duties of that important office. Subsequently, and up to period of his demission, he continued to sustain his full share of the fatigue and toil of meetings of Presbytery and congregational duty. While parting with their venerable Father as co-Presbyters, his brethren have much gratification in knowing that his ministerial and pastoral labours have been eminently blessed, and that the congregation, the charge of which he now demits, after parting with a vigorous offshoot and being repeatedly lessened in numbers and resources by the formation of new congregations, was never in a more efficient state than in the last days of his ministry. Dr. Roy returns to private life with the unabated attachment of his people and of his brethren in Presbytery, and so far as his altered relation to both will permit, his

presence and co-operation with them as on former occasions will be received with the highest respect. In conclusion, the Presbytery would express their prayerful desire that Dr. Roy may enjoy a lengthened and serene twilight to the long day of active life, and that when his sun does go down, it may set in that radiance which foretokens its rise on those glorious scenes wherein the Good Master and Gracious Lord will hail his coming with the 'Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make the ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'"

The following appointments were then made:

James Church, New Glasgow, the Rev. William Stewart on the 1st and 2nd Sabbaths of June.

Merigonish congregation to be supplied by a preacher from the Home Mission Board on the 1st and 2nd Sabbaths of June, and Salt Springs in the same way on the 3rd Sabbath of June.

The Presbytery after devoting much of their time to the consideration of the proposed Rules and Forms of Procedure, adjourned according to appointment.

JOHN MACKINNON, Clerk.

### Presbytery of St. Stephen.

Presbyterian Church, St. Stephen,  
May 10th, 1870,  
11 o'clock, a. m. }

At which place and time the Presbytery met and was constituted by the Moderator, with the Rev. Messrs. Millen and Houston. In the absence of Judge Stevens, Mr. Houston was appointed Clerk *pro tem*. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The Rev. John Home being present was asked to sit and deliberate with the court. It was reported that all the Statistical Returns had been received and tabulated. It was ordered that they be forwarded at once to Professor McKnight.

The Rev. John Home, an ordained minister of the Church of Scotland, presented an application to be received, as a minister without charge, under the care of the Synod of the Lower Provinces. The Moderator laid on the table certain papers which he had received from Mr. Home some time ago to be laid before the Presbytery.—These papers were read and Mr. Home was interrogated as to certain statements in them and as to how he has been occupied since he left Scotland, and answers were returned in the fullest and freest manner. Part of the time he was engaged in teaching, and for nearly two years past he has supplied the vacant congregation of St. Stephen. He not only preached there every Sabbath, he also supplied several stations