

Presbytery of St. John.

This Presbytery met at St. John on the 8rd May. After transacting routine business the Presbytery resumed consideration of the resignation of the Rev. S. Barnard. A letter from the Glassville congregation was read, showing that \$25.79 have been paid to Mr. Barnard since last report, leaving a balance still due of \$118.97. After deliberation upon the whole case, it was agreed unanimously that Mr. Barnard's resignation be accepted, and that under the peculiar circumstances of the case the Home Mission Board be requested to pay one hundred dollars towards making up the deficiency of his salary, and that the clerk be instructed to communicate with the Glassville section of his late charge, asking them to pay the remaining balance of \$18.97.

The Moderator submitted a draft of a report on the state of religion, which, on being read, was unanimously approved, and ordered to be forwarded to the Convener of the Synod's Committee on the State of Religion.

Mr. Murray reported that on the second Sabbath of February a Communion Service was held at Bucouche. Fifteen communicants were addressed for the first time, and a Communion roll of about 24 names formed. Three gentlemen, Messrs. Keswick, Potts, and W. McNerin, were elected to the Eldership. These reports were severally received and approved, and Mr. Murray and his Session were instructed to ordain the Elders elect as soon as convenient.

The Clerk reported that the Home Mission had granted supplies as far as their resources would allow; that Mr. John Allan had arrived about the middle of last month, and had since that time been officiating at Woodstock and Richmond; that Mr. Nelson is expected about the middle of this month, and that it is intended he should relieve Mr. Allan, who should be sent for a time to Glassville; that Rev. T. Cumming is expected immediately to officiate for a time at Shediac, Cocaigne, and Bucouche, and that Mr. Rosburgh (a first year divinity student) is labouring at Baillic.

After conference, these arrangements were approved, and the Moderator of the Kirk Session of Baillic was authorized to moderate in a call in that congregation if he shall see cause.

Rev. S. Houston stated that on the morning of Sabbath, the 1st April, Calvi church was totally destroyed by fire. In fifteen months previous to the destruction of the building the congregation had paid off \$1,500 of the debt, besides expending \$600 on the lecture-room. He further sta-

ted that the congregation have resolved to build a handsome brick church, on a new and eligible site which they have just purchased, and that about \$6,000 have already been raised toward the building fund.

The Presbytery agreed to record their heart-felt sympathy with the pastor and people of Calvin church in the loss of their church building, so soon after large expenditures had been made in decorations and improvements, and at a time when, as the reward of unwonted liberality, they looked forward to entire relief from debt on the church property; and the Presbytery hears with mingled feelings of thankfulness and admiration that the congregation, cheerfully accepting this fresh trial of their liberality, will soon be able, by the blessing of God, to place themselves in a better position than that which they occupied previously to the occurrence of this unfortunate event.

The Presbytery then took up the application of the Carleton Presbyterian church for the whole of Mr. Burgess' services.

Mr. Burgess reported that he had duly notified both sections of the congregation to appear here for their interests to-day. The application was then read, and Mr. McKillyan addressed the Presbytery in its support. On motion it was resolved: 1st, To grant the request of the Carleton church, restricting the labours of Mr. Burgess to Carleton. 2. To ask the Committee on Supplements to continue for another year the supplement now enjoyed by this charge. 3. To grant Pisarino and neighbouring stations supplies as regularly and frequently as possible. 4th. That the Clerk preach at Pisarino on Sabbath, the 14th, and estimate these charges, and that Mr. Burgess supply Mr. McKay's pulpit on the evening of that day.

An extract minute of the Board of Superintendence of the Theological Hall was then read, requiring the nomination of a suitable person to fill the Chair of Systematic Theology. It was moved and seconded that the Rev. Isaac Murray be nominated as a suitable person.

It was moved in amendment, and seconded, that Professor McKnight be nominated for the Chair of Systematic Theology, and that in the event of his being elected, the Rev. James Fowler be nominated for the Chair of Hebrew and Exegetics. After lengthened deliberation, the amendment was carried, and the Presbytery agreed to nominate accordingly.

The Presbytery agreed to recommend supplements to weak charges within the bounds as follows:—

Bocbec and Waweig	\$100
Carleton	100
Fredericton	500
Glassville (in case of settlement)	100