

them but very partial supply. In answer to application to the H. M. Board last summer however, Mr. William Grant, then student in Divinity, with good acceptance laboured within the bounds about two months. They are glad to learn too, by correspondence with Rev. P. G. McGregor, that he may be expected here soon as a licentiate, to labour for a time. He is directed on his arrival to supply, for the month of June, the station at Little Narrows.

At the meeting at Whyecocmah, 3rd March, the following motion was passed, viz.:—It was moved by Rev. M. Stewart and unanimously agreed to, "that the Presbytery consider such a measure" as the Separate or Distinct School Bill, "utterly uncalled for, most injurious to the interests of education, an insult to all protestant denominations within the Province, and resolve strongly to advise their people to petition against any Bill that may be introduced to the legislature in favour of such schools."

At a meeting at Baddeck on the 5th ult., the following resolution was also passed, viz.:—"The Presbytery next took into consideration the announcements made in the public prints that the Council of Public Instruction had appointed, in addition to the examiners appointed according to the Educational Act, other three examiners, to examine teachers in a way contrary to the Act,—taking this with the attempts to pass an Act authorising Separate Schools,—this Presbytery resolve that they regard it as a violation of the law, unjust to the regularly licensed teachers, most injurious to the interests of education, calling loudly for an indignant protest against it by all who feel an interest in the education of the young throughout the Province.

"Agreed to send a copy of this resolution as also of the resolution anent the School Bill, to the *Witness* for publication."

KENNETH MCKENZIE,
Psy. Clerk.

Presbytery of St. John.

This reverend Court met at St. Andrew's Church, Hampton, on the 1st June, at 10 o'clock, A. M. There were present the Revs. J. D. Murray, (moderator,) Andrew McDodald, Lewis Jack, James Gray, A. M., Samuel Houston, A. M., and N. McKay, (clerk,) ministers, and Messrs. Robt. Wood and John Robinson, ruling elders.

Mr. McCurdy reported that, in accordance with instructions received from the clerk of Presbytery, he had notified the people of this station and Salt Springs and Golden Grove to appear by their representatives before the Presbytery this day in this place. He also intimated that through an accidental misunderstanding he failed to

meet with the people of Lower Norton; but that he had waited upon Mr. Greenlaw in reference to the matter, and he had undertaken to have things in readiness for this meeting, so far as Lower Norton was concerned.

In terms of this intimation there appeared for Salt Springs, Messrs. John Robinson, Robert Aiton and Henry Smith, for Lower Norton, Mr. Robert Greenlaw; for Hammond River, Messrs. Thomas Purvis and Robert Wood, and during the proceedings Mr. William Royle appeared for Golden Grove.

After conference with these commissioners, the Presbytery agreed to erect the four stations named into one joint charge, and to grant in compliance with their request moderation in a call to one to be their pastor. It was agreed that when a minister is settled in this new charge, one half of his services be given to Salt Springs, one fourth to Hampton, and the remaining fourth to Lower Norton and the Grove.

Mr. McKay was appointed to preach at Salt Springs on Thursday, the 17th inst., at 11 o'clock, A. M., and moderate in a call.

The Presbytery agreed to hold a meeting at Springfield on the 13th July, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of considering the dismissal of the Rev. Lewis Jack, which was laid upon the table at the last meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Gray was instructed to exchange with Mr. Jack on Sabbath, the 13th inst., to preach at Springfield and English settlement, and to summon these sections of Mr. Jack's charge to appear for their interests at the time and place above specified. The Rev. S. Houston was appointed to preach on the occasion.

The clerk read a report from Mr. Alfred Dickie, of the progress of affairs in Carleton. The report was approved and ordered to be transmitted to the Home Mission Board, and Messrs. Dickie and McCurdy were appointed to continue their labours in their present fields respectively until further notice.

The Rev. Mr. McKay then moved the overture of which previous notice had been given, and which was in the following terms.—

"Whereas, There is keenly felt among the members of this Church the want of a hymnal suitable for the use of those who are of weaker capacity, and whereas in various parts of the Church, hymns are being introduced and used in Sabbath Schools with Synodic authority or supervision, and whereas this mode of procedure, while it may be necessary, is irregular and dangerous to the purity and good order of the Church—therefore

"Resolved, That it be humbly Overtured to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of