

phrases and hymns now used by our church are several objectionable expressions, which, we believe, are all revised or expunged from the books, one of which we would recommend for the Synod's sanction. We believe that many of the hymns now used in our Sabbath Schools are not of the best quality. It is very likely that a hymn book approved by Synod would soon supersede all other collections even in Sabbath Schools.

5. An approved collection of hymns would tend to secure uniformity in the Psalmody of our church. Many of our people feel that they are at perfect liberty by the laws and usages of our church to use hymns in worship; and, if they do not get an authorized collection, they will likely select different ones for themselves. In this way we may soon see almost every congregation with its own hymn book. Such a result would be perplexing to ministers in their changes and exchanges, whilst it would exert a prejudicial effect on the uniformity of our public worship. But with an authorized hymn book before them scarcely any minister or congregation would feel at liberty to select one for themselves.

H. B. Webster, Esq., seconded the motion. An amendment, to transmit the overture *simpliciter*, was moved by Rev. John Cameron, and seconded by Rev. J. D. McGillivray. The motion was preferred, and the Rev. John Forrest and Rev. C. B. Pitblado were appointed to support the overture before Synod.

Rev. P. G. McGregor brought before the Presbytery the proposed Geddie Fund. The Presbytery expressed unanimous approval of the Fund, and of the proposed rules for its management.

The Presbytery met on Wednesday in Conference on the State of Religion within the bounds. A report on the subject will be forwarded to the Committee of Synod on the "State of Religion." The next meeting will be held in Poplar Grove Church, on Wednesday, April 2nd, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

JOHN FORREST, *Clerk*.

Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth.

This Court held, about the middle of February, a series of meetings in the several congregations of Lunenburg County. In each of them, there has been considerable improvement since the previous visitation, about two years ago. The organization is more complete, and the financial aspect much brighter. Towards ministerial support, there is contributed, in Bridgewater, \$650 and manse; in Mahone Bay, \$360 and manse; in Lunenburg,

\$800; and in Lower LaHave, \$500 and manse—being an aggregate increase of \$410 (and a manse at Mahone Bay) since 1870. For the schemes of the church, there were raised last year, in Bridgewater, \$146; Mahone Bay, \$53; Lunenburg, \$104; and LaHave, \$106, being, in each congregation, a slight advance on the past.

In the congregations of Lunenburg Co. particularly, and indeed in all the congregations of this Presbytery, the whole spiritual work has hitherto depended solely on the efforts of the pastor. Now, however, as the fruit of closer Presbyterian oversight, the ruling eldership, and the lay element generally, are beginning to feel and acknowledge their responsibility. If this awakening care be fostered, we anticipate blessed results.

In two of the congregations, the Presbytery held special services. At Lower LaHave, an overflowing house listened with rapt attention, for three hours, to addresses on the nature, the necessity, the results and the means of promoting a *true* revival of religion. At Lunenburg, on the following evening, the same subject was equally well received.

A Conference on the State of Religion was held, and the Clerk ordered to report to the Synod's Committee. Supplements were recommended as follows:—Cheboque and Carleton, \$150; Clyde and Barrington, \$100; and Mahone Bay, \$110. Rev'd Ebenezer Ross, Fawleigh, was nominated Moderator of Synod.

P. M. MORRISON, *Clerk*.

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

The Presbytery of P. E. Island, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, met in Zion Church, on the 26th February, and was constituted by the Rev. S. C. Gunn, Moderator, *pro tem*.

Papers were laid on the table from the congregation of Richmond Bay, East and West, asking Presbytery to unite them into one pastoral charge. Commissioners from Richmond Bay West, were heard in support of their petition. But, on account of some slight informality, the union sought was deferred till next meeting, and Rev. Mr. Laird appointed Moderator of the Session of Lot 16, and directed to have the matter brought before Presbytery in the regular way.

The Clerk reported that he had, according to appointment, moderated in a call in the congregation of Bay Fortune, Souris and Grand River, which resulted in favor of Rev. J. G. Cameron, of Trvon and Boushew—that it was cordial and harmonious—that it was signed by seventy-eight members, and one hundred and seven adherents,