

At the solicitation of said commissioners, and in view of all the circumstances of the case, in one of which the Presbytery themselves are involved, the court, with the consent of Mr. Ross, deferred the further consideration of the matter till the first meeting of Presbytery after the middle of Feb. next, which it is expected will be pretty full.

At the close of the discussion on this case, the Rev. Mr. Campbell of Strathalbyn entered and took his seat. Then the Rev. John G. Cameron of Tryon, reported that in obedience to an appointment he had preached to Murray Harbor and Montague congregation, held divine service, and dispensed the ordinance of religion among them on Sabbath, 11th inst., and on Monday following, preached and presided in a meeting summoned at their own request, for giving a call to one to be their minister; that the proceedings were conducted in due order and form, and that the call itself was cordial and unanimous, being signed by fifty-seven communicants and ninety-four adherents, and was in favor of Mr. Stephen Lawson, preacher of the gospel. The report was received with commendations on the diligence shewn by Mr. Cameron, and the call sustained as a regular gospel call, and presented to Mr. Lawson, who, being present, declared his acceptance of it.

The next meeting of Presbytery to be held in the church of Covehead, on Monday, the 9th of November, at 10 o'clock.

This Presbytery met in Covehead Church on the 9th inst.

The Rev. P. G. McGregor of Halifax, agent of the church, and the Rev. G. W. Stewart of St. Peter's Road, (Kirk) being present were invited to correspond.

The first business before the Court was the hearing of Mr. Lawson's trials for ordination, he being under call to Murray Harbor. These trials were unanimously sustained, and his ordination appointed to take place on the second Wednesday of Jan. 1869. The ordination was postponed to this date on account of the present difficulty of travelling. Mr. Lawson was instructed in the meantime to commence his labors in the congregation.

A letter was read from the Rev. A. Fraser, stating that he had carried out the appointment of Presbytery, and moderated in a call at Lot 14, which call had come out unanimously in favor of Mr. R. Cumming, probationer. The call was placed upon the table, and M. Harkness appeared as commissioner in its support. It was sustained as a regular gospel call, and the clerk was instructed to forward it to Mr. Cumming. Trials for ordination were assigned in the event of Mr. Cumming's accepting the call.

A communication was submitted from Rev. T. Duncan of Charlottetown, bearing upon the effort now put forth to disturb the present system of education, and stating that he had been appointed a deputy from the Kirk Presbytery to visit this Presbytery and said matter, but regretting his inability to carry out his appointment. The Rev. Dr. Stewart and Mr. Robertson, Elder, (Kirk) were heard advocating united action on the part of all Presbyterians in opposition to the present agitation. The Rev. Mr. Allan stated that he had previously decided to submit a resolution on this subject to the Presbytery, and was pleased to find both Presbyteries about to act in concert in the matter; he then submitted the following resolution, which being seconded by the clerk, was passed unanimously:—

"That the system of schools in operation in this Island is, notwithstanding some defects productive of inestimable benefits, bringing as it does, the means of education within the reach of all.

"That it is entitled to the confidence and support of the whole community, being equally intended and adapted to promote the interests of all, without partiality and prejudice to the religious views of any.

"That the Presbytery view with apprehension, and even alarm, the demand made and about to be pressed, by the Roman Catholic Bishop, for public money to sustain schools intended to be placed exclusively under his control, and in which instruction in the Roman Catholic religion is to form a principal feature. The demand if acquiesced in, must operate to the destruction of the present just and equitable system, and by consequence place the means of education beyond the reach of great numbers of the population. And no enlightened Protestant can give his sanction to public money for such a purpose without a violation of his conscience, inasmuch as the Roman Catholic religion is antagonistic to the Bible, opposed to the well-being of man, and in all countries where it has the ascendancy, is found to be subversive of civil and religious liberty.

"That the Presbytery view with scarcely less concern, the advocacy of what is called the Denominational system, avowedly in support of the Bishop's demand, by certain influential *professing* Protestants. The system in question has no doubt been in operation in Britain for some time, but only as a compromise to the rivalry and jealousy of sects, is everywhere considered as unsatisfactory, and likely soon to be abolished in favor of another, approximating in its great features to the one in use among ourselves.

"The Presbytery would therefore in unity with the brethren of the Kirk, earnestly appeal to the enlightened conviction and