

After the reasons for and against translating Mr. Pitblado were read—the Commissioners on both sides were fully heard, and the Presbytery, at Mr. Pitblado's request, had given their advice, so far as they could do so, in the matter—he decided to refuse the call, which accordingly was set aside, and the Commissioners informed to that effect.

The Home Mission Board having appointed the Rev. John F. Forbes to labour in Cape Breton from the 4th Sabbath of March to the 3rd Sabbath of April, the Presbytery agreed to supply his pulpit during his absence.

The Presbytery agreed to hold their next meeting in the Merigomish Church, on Tuesday, March 29th, at 11 A. M., for ordinary business.

JOHN MACKINNON, *Clerk*.

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met in Queen Square Church, Charlottetown, on the 23rd inst. The members present were Revds. J. Allan, A. Campbell, I. Murray, A. Cameron, Moderator; D. McNeill, R. Laird, Clerk; J. G. Cameron, and S. Lawson, Ministers; Messrs. J. Bearisto, D. Laird, and D. Lawson, Elders. Rev. A. Stirling, corresponding member. Rev. J. G. Cameron reported his fulfilment of the duty to preach at West Point, and declare the pulpit vacant. His report was approved, and Rev. R. Cumming was appointed Moderator of the Session of West Point, &c.

A letter was read from Rev. G. Patterson, Convener of the Committee on the aged and infirm Ministers' Fund, calling the attention of Presbytery to the subject. Rev. D. McNeill moved that the Presbytery defer the subject to Sessions to do what they can to meet it. Rev. R. Laird moved, in amendment, that the Presbytery recommend Sessions to consider the subject, and, if they see cause, to use means to aid the Fund. The amendment was preferred—two voting for the motion.

The following appointments for the supply of vacancies and Cascumpec were made by Presbytery:—Rev. A. Stirling to supply Charlottetown till the 10th of April, Rev. A. Campbell to preach at Brookfield on the second Sabbath of March, in lieu of a Sabbath service to be given by him to Cascumpec, but to be supplied by Mr. Layton. Mr. Layton to supply West Point, and also Cascumpec, till the opening of the navigation; Rev. W. Stewart to preach at West River on the first Sabbath of March, and afterwards to supply West St. Peters till recalled; Rev. S. Lawson to supply Cascumpec on the first Sabbath of March, exchanging for this purpose with the Modera-

tor, who also is to supply Cascumpec on the second Sabbath of March. Mr. J. A. Lawson was appointed agent for the *Presbyterian* in the congregation of West St. Peters. The Presbytery agreed to hold a general meeting in Charlottetown on the third Wednesday of May; and then adjourned to meet in the Church of Covehead, on the fourth Wednesday of March, at 11 o'clock.

ROBERT LAIRD, *Clerk*.

Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

This Court has had various meetings since Synod. In what follows we give the principle items of its business.

A strong recommendation was given to the congregations under their charge as to the propriety of publishing annually, detailed reports of their financial affairs, embracing individual subscriptions, church and missionary collections, in short all the monies raised and expended during the year, and further that these reports be printed in such numbers as to admit of a copy being placed in the hands of each contributor.

A Committee was appointed to enquire as to the amount of supply of religious ordinances enjoyed by the labourers on the Intercolonial Railway about Wallace River and Folly Lake. The Committee reported that generally there was no destitution of grace, and more particularly that the Presbytery of Truro had been supplying them with a good measure of regularity. This being so there seemed to be no call meanwhile for the interference of the Presbytery, which was the conclusion come to, and the Committee were continued to watch over the matter.

The Rev. W. S. Darragh of Goose River, a member of the Presbytery, having been appointed Inspector of Schools for the County of Cumberland, a communication was received from the Home Mission Board enquiring whether this being so, the Presbytery wished the continuance of his supplement after the date of his appointment, *i.e.*, Sept. 1st, 1869. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Darragh's supplement be withdrawn so long as he holds his present appointment, and that the Board be asked to pay him one quarter's supplement dating from July 1st, 1869.

The Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund was taken into consideration, when the Presbytery cordially approved of the scheme generally. All the Ministerial brethren present subscribed amounts varying from twenty dollars downwards, and the Clerk was authorized to write to the absent brethren on the subject, informing them of the Presbytery's action, and inviting their co-operation.