

Autumn, was granted to Messrs. Duff and Christie.

The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed, principally for visitation of Shelburne Congregation, on the evening of the 18th October, the Moderator to preach. A Committee, consisting of the Lunenburg County ministers, was appointed to visit and hold Evangelistic Services with the Lockport and East Jordan Sections of the congregation at the former place on the evening preceding the Presbytery, Mr. Morrison to preach; and at the latter place on the morning of day of Presbytery Mr. McNab to preach. Another Committee consisting of Yarmouth and Shelburne ministers, was appointed for a similar service at Ohio section, on the evening preceding Presbytery, Mr. Christie to preach; and West Jordan section, on afternoon of day of Presbytery, Mr. Henry to preach. It was also agreed to visit Clyde and Barrington congregations on Tuesday following in Clyde Church, at 3 o'clock P. M.; and to appoint, at the meeting in Shelburne, committees to visit the out-sections of this charge on the day preceding.

PETER M. MORRISON, Clerk.

Presbytery of St. John.

This Presbytery met on the 6th ult. Rev. J. K. Blair to was elected Moderator for the year. Rev. Dr. Irvine of Augusta, Georgia, was present. The Presbytery is making arrangements for supplying the spiritual wants of late immigrants from Scotland. The Bursary Fund now amounts to \$16. A busary of \$50 will be offered for competition to young men studying for the ministry.

The ministers of St. John, together with the Rev. Robt. Wilson and Rev. W. Stuart, were appointed a Committee to co-operate with brethren of other Presbyterian Churches, to arrange, if they deem it practicable and expedient, for the celebration of the Tercentenary of the Reformation in England, and other important events affecting Evangelical religion in English and European history.

On motion of Rev. N. McKay, seconded by Rev. R. Wilson, it was resolved that the Presbytery record their sense of the energy and spirit of Calvin Church in erecting for themselves this elegant and most comfortable place of worship; that they congratulate the Pastor and people on the completion of the work, and feel assured that the energy of Pastor and people, which has issued in this material structure, will be directed also to the advancement of the spiritual interests of this Church, and similarly successful by the blessing of God, in contributing to the edification of "a Spiritual Temple in the Lord."

Rev. S. Houston submitted a report of the committee appointed at the May meeting to devise some scheme by which supplements might be reduced without prejudice to the pastors of supplemented congregations. The Report was as follows:

Your Committee attended to the duties with which it was intrusted in the matter referred to. They drew up the following queries and forwarded them to the members outside of the city receiving supplements requesting answers as soon as possible.

1. State precisely what you consider to be the exact limits of your congregation proper, as also what in contributed by it to your support? If more than one section, discriminate what each gives?

2. What stations outside of the exact limits are you cultivating or giving service to.—(1) How many families in each; (2) what service do you give to each, (3) what does each contribute to your support?

3. What new stations in your neighborhood might in your opinion be cultivated with profit?

Answers were returned promptly by the brethren. Your Committee were to report to a meeting of Presbytery to be held during the sitting of Synod, but being unable to recommend any definite change just now and feeling that there was not time then to discuss the question as it ought, they did not bring it up at the time appointed. A large amount of valuable and exceedingly interesting information was given in the answers, and an attempt is herewith made to give a brief synopsis of it.

I. Moncton. Besides the Church in that town the pastor preaches in five stations, viz., Scotch Settlement, Cocaigne, Shediack, Salisbury, and Petitcodiac, with a proportion of care given to Buctouche. At present all except the last mentioned look to him as their pastor. From 10 to 17 families are found in each of these stations, and contributions from nothing up to \$12 are made for his support. To some he preaches once a month and to some less frequently than that. There is an understanding to the effect that Scotch Settlement, Cocaigne and Shediack should be separated from Moncton and joined to Buctouche, but the formal act has not yet been accomplished.

2. Londonderry and Campbell Settlement. These two are reckoned the congregation proper. The first mentioned and the larger of the two is 16 miles from the pastor's residence. He also preaches at Roxburgh and Mechanics' Settlement, the one being 30 and the other 36 miles from his residence. There are some 4 families in each, and each contributes \$15 per annum to his support. He gives about 4 services in the year to each. In the two combined there are two elders and 22 communicants.