

with them as to the state of matters there.

The Clerk reported that he had fulfilled his appointment to Murray Harbor. The report was received with the usual approval of diligence. The Presbytery agreed to express its sympathy with the congregation in its present circumstances, and appointed Rev. D. W. Cameron to preach there on the second Sabbath of May.

Took up the petition of parties in Dundas, Cardigan and vicinities, praying for the services of a catechist, when, after due consideration, it was decided to grant the request of the petitioners, so far as Cardigan and vicinities are concerned, but that the catechist who may be chosen, shall have no liberty to extend his labors to Dundas.

The case of Mr. McKay, elder, late of Brookfield, and at present resident in Dundas, and in special connection with no congregation, having been submitted to Presbytery; Mr. McLean was instructed to bring the matter before the Court at its next meeting in a regular way.

Mr. Nelson was continued at Murray Harbor, as long as he remains in this Presbytery. Adjourned to meet in Queen Square Church, Charlottetown, on Wednesday, the 27th May, at 11 o'clock a. m.

ALEX. FALCONER, *Pres. Clerk.*

Presbytery of St. John.

The Presbytery of St. John met at Moncton on Thursday evening, 9th April, at half-past six o'clock, p. m. There were present, Rev. James Bennet, moderator, together with Revs. Lewis Jack, James Gray, N. McKay and Simon Fraser, ministers. The first business was the induction of the Rev. J. D. Murray to the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian congregation of Moncton and adjacencies. After the reading of the minutes of last meeting of Presbytery, the edict was called for and returned duly attested. Objections having been called for and none whatever having been offered, the Rev. James Bennet preached a very able and appropriate sermon from 1 Cor. ii. 14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God," &c. He then narrated the steps and put to Mr. Murray the questions of the formula, and thereupon, by solemn prayer, set him apart to the pastoral care of the congregation of "Moncton, Scotch Settlement and Cocaigne." The charge to the minister was given by the Rev. N. McKay, and the congregation was very appropriately addressed by the Rev. James Gray. He pointedly brought before the people the respect due to their pastor as an educated man and as the ambassador of Christ, and the sympathy and cordial co-operation they ought to accord to him. After prayer, by the Rev. L. Jack, and praise, the congrega-

tion retired, giving their pastor the usual welcome by shaking of hands at the door. On motion Mr. Murray's name was added to the roll of Presbytery.

Mr. Thomas Irving handed in a subscription list from Cocaigne for Mr. Murray's support, amounting to \$111 annually. The Presbytery felt much gratified with this vigorous effort. The list was handed to Murray. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Mr. Wright's house to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Meeting closed with prayer.

At Mr. Wright's house, Moncton, 10th April, 1868, the Presbytery met as appointed. Sederunt as above. The minutes of last night's meeting were read and approved. The clerk read a letter from the Secretary of the Home Mission Board, intimating the formal appointment of the Rev. T. Cumming to this Presbytery, and also stating, in reply to enquiry, that the supplement voted to the Moncton congregation will be paid without question. Mr. Murray applied for the appointment of an assessor to aid in constituting a session at Moncton. Mr. Fraser was appointed to act with Mr. Murray until a session is formed in the Moncton congregation. In response to a similar application from Mr. Fraser, the Rev. J. D. Murray and Messrs. Wier and Greenlow, elders, were appointed assessors with Mr. Fraser in forming a session at Salt-spring's.

Mr. Murray submitted a report of service at Hammond River, and claimed \$6 for supplying said station on the 29th March. The Presbytery felt that the expense of this service should be borne by the Moncton congregation, inasmuch as Mr. Gray, whose place Mr. Murray was supplying, preached at Moncton on that day. It was recommended, therefore, that Mr. Murray's salary should begin from the last Sabbath of March.

Mr. Fraser submitted a report of missionary services at various stations within our bounds, and claiming \$63 for services and board. The report was received and approved.

Mr. McKay made a verbal report respecting matters at Lower Norton. Mr. Fraser was appointed to preach at Lower Norton on an early day, and direct the people to bring their wishes formally before the Presbytery by documents. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in St. David's Church, St. John, on the second Wednesday of May, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Meeting closed with prayer.

The Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax met in Chalmers Church Session House, on April 15th. There were present Revs. Dr. King, P. G.