

thing more precious than the noblest vessel that ever floated at sea—the human soul; and by-and-by, when there comes some furious storm of temptation with its mad rage to drive the soul on eternal ruin, that which you have wrought—your faithful work—is stronger than cable chain with links of steel to hold that soul steadfast in its hour of trial, and when it is saved, something of the victory is yours. To-night there sits near my side a venerated father who was my teacher in my youth and I thank God that the lessons I caught from his sermons and his teachings in the Bible-class have been to me an anchor-chain in many an hour of danger.

## PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

### Presbytery of St. John.

This Presbytery met on Tuesday, 11th ult.

Rev. J. C. Burgess was elected Moderator.

Arrangements were made for the supply of St. Andrew's Church subject to the approval of Presbytery.

Agreed to apply to the Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund for a retiring allowance for Rev. Dr. Bennet.

Rev. Mr. Burgess, of the committee on Grand Falls missions, reported that he had visited the Presbyterians at Grand Falls. He could not find a single Frenchman who was connected with the Presbyterian Church. He reported unfavourably on the French mission. He had also visited Van Buren, and reported very encouragingly.

On recommendation of special committee it was agreed that the call of Glassville and Florenceville to Rev. Henry Crawford be not sustained.

Mr. Brawley was appointed under certain condition, as missionary to Nerepis.

At the request of Rev. J. McG. McKay and Kenneth McKay it was agreed to hold meetings of Presbytery for visitation at Woodstock on the evening of the second Tuesday of September. Mr. Crockett to preach and on the following morning at Richmond, Messrs. Mowatt and Johnson to preach.

Mr. Burgess was appointed to exchange with Dr. Bennett at a time to be agreed on by both, to preach and to declare the pulpit of St. John's Church vacant.

Agreed to grant Rev. Dr. MacIsaac six months leave of absence to visit Great Britain and Ireland.

Letters were read from two stations asking that the Lord's supper be dispensed in them. The matter was referred to a committee who decided to send letters of instruction to the different missionaries requesting them to dispense the communion.

Rev. Dr. Bennet called attention to the state of the church at Golden Grove. The building is much out of repair, but services can be held in the Orange Hall.

It was decided that Mr. McLeod be appointed to see what could be done in Golden Grove and Rothesay regarding the formation of a church at these places and the support of a missionary, with a view of laying the whole matter before the Home Mission Board.

Rev. Dr. Bennet stated that he had collected for a travelling missionary the sum of \$73 and had about \$10 of expenses. He was willing to pay the balance to any person to whom the Presbytery might appoint, by whom it might be transferred to the ladies' committee, who had asked for it. The Moderator was appointed to receive the money, and a vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Bennet for his services.

It was decided to request that collections be taken up in all the churches, except those in which personal subscriptions are taken.

A committee was appointed to examine the accounts of the treasurer of the Presbytery fund.

On motion it was decided to remove certain entries appearing on the record book of the session of St. Andrew's Church regarding the Forbes case.

A *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of St. John, was held in the city of St. John, on the 20th inst., to receive Mr. Robert Nairns trials for license.

A certificate from the Clerk of the Presbytery of Halifax was read, stating that Mr. Nairn had submitted to that Presbytery part of his trials and that they as a Presbytery had sustained the same and further that he at his own request was transferred to the Presbytery of St. John within the bounds of which he was labouring, for license should his further examination prove satisfactory. Mr. Nairn was examined in Hebrew and Greek gave an exposition of the parable of the laborers in the vineyard Matt. X, 1-16, and delivered a popular sermon from Hebrews IV: 15, all of which exercises were sustained as highly commendable. He was then by prayer solemnly licensed to preach the gospel, suitable words of counsel and advice were