

when it is expected that a call in favour of Mr. Fogo from the people of Nashwaak and Stanley will be laid before the Presbytery, accompanied by the necessary bonds, &c.

A letter was received from the Rev. James Kidd of Richmond, giving notice that he intended resigning his charge on the first of August, and asking the Presbytery to instruct the Clerk to furnish him with the usual certificate. The Presbytery accepted Mr. Kidd's resignation, and resolved to grant the certificate at the next meeting, to be held during the session of Synod, when Mr. Kidd would be able to furnish all needful information of the state of matters at Richmond, with a view of enabling the Presbytery to secure the services of a suitable successor.

Mr. Kidd has occupied the position of an ordained missionary in Richmond for upwards of seven years. He has asked for, and recently secured, a transference under the auspices of the Colonial Committee to the new Presbytery of Saugeen, in Canada West, and intends vacating his present charge in August. There is a fine Church at Richmond capable of seating about 500, and a large and "well-to-do" congregation, who for years supported a regularly settled minister without aid from abroad. There are several stations where Mr. Kidd has been in the habit of holding service, as well as at St. John's Church. Since Mr. Wilkins' transference to the Presbytery of Halifax, the churches at Woodstock and Northampton have been vacant, and, except on one or two occasions when Mr. Kidd visited them, they have been without religious services. The Presbytery, however, instructed Mr. Kidd to conduct worship once each Sabbath in St. John's Church, Richmond, and St. Andrew's Church, Woodstock, and at intervals of not less than three Sabbaths to hold service in St. James Church, Northampton. This arrangement will continue till the meeting of Synod, and tend to keep our people together in several important stations until a successor to Mr. Kidd is procured. There are many such stations throughout this Province where an earnest and growing desire is felt and manifested in favour of immediate co-operation by the two Synods of the Presbyterian Church, with a view of uniting the efforts of the people of both in weak parts of the field, when the only hope of securing and paying the services of a regular clergyman is to be found in the united efforts of all Presbyterians. It is quite obvious in many places that "between the two stools the cause of Presbyterianism is coming to the ground," and that unless some movement be made, such as that contemplated by the overture introduced and withdrawn by Rev. G. M. Grant at last meeting of Synod, we must in future contract instead of expand our energies as a Church in this Province. The country people on both sides are fast becoming impatient of the "dog in the manger" policy of the two Synods, and are gradually yielding themselves to the greater tact and energy of other denominations who supply regular religious instruction to them and their children. The Presbytery had an opportunity of hearing the sentiments of several very intelligent laymen on this subject who were present as trustees of St. Andrew's Church, Woodstock, on business connected with the new Church.

The Clerk read the correspondence with the Secretary of the Colonial Committee since last meeting. Several other matters were then disposed of, and the proceedings were closed with prayer by the Moderator. The next meeting will be held in Chatham during the meeting of Synod.

The journey to Woodstock at this season of the year (early in May) is by no means a pleasant one. The scenery is bleak and bare. Along the banks of the river blocks of ice and patches of dirty snow are to be seen. The farm houses, with few exceptions, are models of studied ugliness. They are painful at any season, but particularly at the freshet time, when the swollen river comes to the