

Minister. The salary is raised by subscriptions payable half-yearly.

After Conference and deliberation the Presbytery found as follows:—

“That while there is much in the mutual attachment of pastor and people which forms ground of congratulation and encouragement, the Presbytery would affectionally recommend the ordination of additional elders, greater attention to the organization and care of Sabbath Schools, a more liberal support of their esteemed pastor, and the adoption of a better method of raising and collecting funds. The Presbytery would also enforce the obvious obligation of Christian consistency resting upon parents who seek baptism for their children that they seek the other great New Testament sacrament for themselves. The Presbytery, further, sincerely sympathize with this section of the Congregation in view of the losses they have sustained by deaths and removals, and desire to encourage them to endeavor by increased energy and liberality on the part of those who remain, to repair, by God’s help, the losses to which, in His all wise Providence, they have been subjected.”

St. GEORGE, Oct. 14th, 1870.

Mr. Houston having been appointed by the Presbytery to visit the St. George section of Mr. Millen’s congregation, proceeded there on Friday, and having preached, called for the representatives. The Rev. Wm. Millen appeared as pastor.

The pastor stated that there is no session in this section, and a communion has never been held here,—some go to Bocabec, a distance of 11 miles, to communion. He also stated that this section of the congregation extends over a district eight miles long by five wide; that there are about 20 contributing families in connection; that attendance on public worship is better this year than last, sometimes as many as a hundred being present; can report nothing very marked in the state of religion; that the interest seemed deeper six or seven years ago than it does now, several families from the Pennfield district having attended then and do not come now; does not know the reason, unless it be that in the interval since then stated supplies were given at times to this place and services were held at Pennfield; and hence when preaching was brought to their doors they turned lazy and would not go to a distance; that removals by death and otherwise of some of the most active and public spirited members have been of great disadvantage in many ways.

The Trustees answered that the promise which they made to Mr. Millen was \$104 annually; that the engagement was at first

for one year, and so it continued on the same terms; that their promise had been fulfilled to the letter, so far; that they raised the salary by pew rents and subscriptions; that the highest annual subscription of a family is \$5.50.

The deputy of Presbytery then proceeded to give advice on the state of matters that was manifest. He urged the desirableness of holding a communion and forming a session at as early a period as convenient, and consequently the formation of a communicants’ roll; pressed upon the heads of families present the advantage of having a Sabbath School where the children may be taught the way of salvation and the distinctive principles of the Church; also the necessity of holding cottage prayer-meetings, but especially that they should meet for prayer in the Church on the Sabbath that Mr. Millen is not there; and enjoined the pastor to take order that as soon as possible baptism be administered to the infants of communicants only, or where one at least is a communicant. He also dealt plainly with the Trustees and others present as to the measure of liberality reported, expressed himself as entirely dissatisfied with the fact that \$5.50 was the highest annual subscription, especially as it was a patent fact that twice or thrice that amount is spent annually by many farmers on tobacco and drink; and concluded by pointing out how their business may be conducted with more system and efficiency. From the disposition shown there is good reason to believe that many if not all these recommendations will be carried out at once. Arrangements were being entered into that very day as to the starting of a Sabbath School, one valuable female teacher having been secured; and the idea of the prayer-meetings to all appearance, commended itself to those that were present.

Conference of Presbyteries.

A Conference of the two Presbyteries located in P. E. Island met, according to mutual agreement, in Zion Church, Charlottetown, on Friday, the 7th inst. Rev. A. McLean, Belfast, was chosen Chairman, and Rev. R. Laird, Clerk. The members of Presbyteries present were, Revds. A. McLean, T. Duncan, G. Stewart, and J. McColl, Ministers; and Dr. Mackieson and Messrs. Allan Stewart and Alex. Robertson, Elders of the Church of Scotland Presbytery; and Revds. A. Campbell, A. Munro, I. Murray, H. Crawford, R. Laird, W. B. Frame, and J. G. Cameron, and A. R. Garvie, corresponding member, Ministers; and Mr. R. Lawson, Elder, of the other Presbytery. After prayer by Rev. A. Munro, the Conference was duly opened, and Rev. I. Murray addressed it in favor of the