

eldership be made the subject of pulpit exposition, that such literature as may place the work of the eldership in its true light be circulated within our bounds, and that a conference of the elders of our Church be held at as early a day as practicable.

4. It is suggested that a Presbyterial Conference on the State of Religion be held early next Autumn, with the view of taking such views for the welfare of our congregations as may be suitable to our circumstances.

The report on Sabbath Schools, was read by Mr. Simpson, and adopted, and a copy ordered to be sent to the Convenor of the Assembly's S. S. committee.

A circular from the Senate of the Halifax Theological College sent the licensing of students was read, and the Senate's action approved.

The Assembly's remit on examination of Theological Students was fully considered and the following resolution was adopted.

In consideration of the different circumstances of our theological Schools, and the varied requirements of the widely separated sections of the Church, and further, in view of the tendency of uniform examinations to interfere with the freedom of research which ought to be enjoyed by professors and students in their college work, this Presbytery disapprove of the appointment of a Central Board by which all candidates for the ministry must be examined.

This Presbytery met at Conquerall on the 24th April.

The chief business was a memorial from New Dublin praying that two sections, Bank, and Conquerall be separated from the Bridgewater congregation, and be joined to that of New Dublin. On examination it was found that there was so much opposition to the change in these sections, that the Presbytery thought it impracticable to attempt it at present.

Messrs Cameron and Brown reported that they had visited Riversdale, and that the congregation there had resolved to apply to the Presbytery for supply.

The Statistical Report was read by the clerk and approved.

Next meeting to be at Bridgewater on the second Tuesday of July at 2 p. m.

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Another of the fathers has gone to his reward. Mr. George McKay was ordained at Scotsburn, then known as Roger's Hill, on Dec. 16th 1855. From that time

till his death, he took the deepest interest in the Masters work, not only at Scotsburn, but in the whole Church of Christ. It is with pleasure that his brethren of the Session leave on record the following minute with reference to Mr. McKay. "The Session of Scotsburn desire to record the great loss sustained by the Session and congregation, in the removal by death of Mr. George McKay. His capacity and diligence in business, his earnest and deep interest in the temporal and spiritual welfare of the congregation, make the loss the more keenly felt. While recording our high appreciation of character and work of our brother during twenty-eight years in the eldership, we would express gratitude to Almighty God who permitted his servant to labour so long in our midst.

At a meeting held in the manse on Monday evening, April 2nd, the Session of Musquodoboit Harbor, Clam Harbor and Jeddore, adopted the following minute, respecting the death of Mr. Anderson.

The Session desires to express its sense of the loss it has sustained in the death of William Anderson Esq., who died at the residence of his son Willoughby in the city of Halifax March 17th 1893.

Mr. Anderson was a leading man in the congregation for more than half a century.

He was ordained to the Eldership on the 24th September 1854 from that time till the day of his death he never lost interest in everything which pertained to the welfare of the congregation. He was regular and conscientious in his attendance at meetings of Session. He was helpful with counsel and advice, which was always given in a genial and agreeable manner.

His death has caused a blank in the Session, which it will be hard to fill.

He attended and took part in the prayer meetings so far as his time and circumstances permitted. He was also helpful in the Sabbath School, as well as in the congregation.

The Session while recording its own sense of loss, would at the same time express its sympathy with the bereaved wife and family, in their loss of a kind husband and father, at the same time commending them to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build them up and to give them an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.

May we all be able to follow his example, so far as he followed Christ, and so seek to benefit and bless others, as was his aim and object.