

charge of the duties of his office, and the numerous discouragements standing in his way. There are particular times, and special circumstances it may be, greatly increasing the difficulties and discouragements. A corresponding increase of zeal is then required. The Hon. Samuel Creelman said that the rewards of the eldership were numerous and highly to be prized. Many of them were specified. But as far as regarded the elder himself, they were all of grace. He obtained none of them through merit. These rewards were all merited for him by Christ. But he obtained them not because his labours give him a claim in justice; he obtains them because in grace the Lord thus blesses in His own work. It was fully evident that the committee had acted wisely in selecting elders; as well as ministers to address the meeting.

There was, as proposed, a pleasing conversation, of an hour's length, in which several took part. The elders, themselves, seemed inclined to dwell specially on their deficiencies, and the necessity of something being done for the purpose of increasing their usefulness in the church. The ministers referred to the general good service performed by the elders in the various congregations. They spoke of them as in many cases very efficiently superintending Sabbath schools, visiting the sick, conducting prayer meetings, and counselling the wayward.

The business and services of the convention were terminated at 9 o'clock, p. m., the hour for adjournment of the third sederunt.

The Presbytery again resumed its sittings as a Presbytery. The only business of special public interest coming before them, was the demission of the Rev. Jas. Sinclair, Springside. He complained that the congregation had not been implementing their engagements. He had on this account been compelled, although very reluctantly, to take this step. It was resolved that the demission lie on the table, and that the congregation of Springside be cited to appear at next meeting for their interests. It is to be hoped that Mr. Sinclair will still be retained in his present sphere of labour. The congregation will surely consent to make good their solemn promise, rather than lose their minister. It is high time that congregations, and the whole members thereof, individually, were instructed that they are under a solemn moral personal obligation to pay their minister the stipulated sum, and at the appointed time. If this is not done we fear the church will soon suffer. Yea, we fear she is already suffering, and suffering very considerably from this very thing.

The number of elders attending the convention did not equal what some expected. Yet there were a goodly number present.

The sessions were, we believe, all represented with the exception of Parrsboro'. Some of them were numerous represented. They, with their friends, received a most hearty welcome from the Presbyterians of Great Village. The whole services of the occasion were attended with the deepest interest by the elders, other strangers, and the people of the place. All were persuaded that much good would result from the convention, and hoped another world in due course be held.

The Presbytery appointed to meet at Truro on the 2nd Tuesday of December.

A. I. WILLIE, Clerk.

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This court pursuant to adjournment, met in Prince Street Church, Charlottetown, on Wednesday the 21st Oct., and was constituted. Besides the Moderator, the Rev. D. McNeill, there were present the Rev. James Allen, W. Ross and John G. Cameron, ministers, with George Henderson and James McCallum, Esqs., ruling elders, and in the absence of the states' clerk Mr. Allan acted as such by appointment.

A petition from the congregation of Lot 14, for a moderation in a call with a commission in favor of Mr. Aitkin, as its delegate to supply all needful information, was read, and the Presbytery finding from the representations made, that the congregations were cordial and unanimous at present, in reference to the person they had in view, and that they had agreed to make (for their circumstances) a creditably liberal provision for his maintenance, £150 with a manse, cheerfully complied with the prayer of the petition, though of course, in the implied expectation, with the blessing of God upon the labors of a pastor amongst them, in connexion with the advancing prosperity of the district and the probably increasing numbers of the congregation, they will aim at reaching the standard laid down by the Synod, in the fulness of its experience as necessary to meet the many and varied requirements on the minister, if thorough efficiency is to be secured, and the Rev. Allan Fraser, of Casumpec, was appointed to preach and preside in said call in the church of Lot 14, on Wednesday, the 4th of November next, at the hour of eleven, of which due intimation was to be given to the congregation by Mr. Charles Fraser, who has been appointed to preach to them on Sabbath next, the 25th inst.

The Presbytery then took up the demission of his charge, which had been laid on the table by the Rev. W. Ross, at last meeting. Whereupon there appeared from both sections, commissions duly attested, to attend to the interests of the congregation.