

The congregation having been dismissed with the Benediction, the Presbytery retired to the Session House, when, on application, it was agreed to grant Rev. W. T. Wilkins an order on the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund for supplement in part for the quarter ending August 1st, 1871.

Closed with the Benediction.

DANIEL MCCURDY,
Pres. Clerk.

P. E. Island Presbytery.

ST. JAMES' KIRK, Ch'town, Aug. 10, 1871, at which time and place the Presbytery of P. E. Island, in connection with the Kirk of Scotland, met, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Sederunt: Messrs. Duncan and Stewart, ministers; Messrs. Munro, of Georgetown; Kennedy, Charlottetown; Thompson, of St. Peter's Road; Martin, of Brackley Point Road; McLeod, of Belfast; and Stewart, of DeSable, elders. In the absence of the Rev. Alex. McLean, minister of Belfast, the present Moderator of the Presbytery, the Rev. Thomas Duncan, minister of St. James', Charlottetown, was elected Moderator *pro tem.*

The minutes of last meeting of Presbytery were read by the Clerk and sustained as correct, and ordered to be engrossed in the Minute Book. It was then moved and seconded that the Rev. Thomas Duncan be Moderator for the current year. The Moderator being one of the editors of the "Presbyterian," reported, to the great satisfaction of the Presbytery, that the number of subscribers now exceeded 1500. He also stated that he had received the sum of five dollars from the trustees of Clyde River Mission, by the hands of Geo. Dixon, Esq., which sum he had handed over to the Rev. Mr. McWilliam towards the defraying of his travelling expenses in the discharge of Sabbath service there, by order of the Presbytery.

It was also notified that the appointed preaching by the ministers in the churches of DeSable, Orwell and Cape Traverse, had all been fulfilled as enjoined by the Presbytery. The Clerk read a letter which he had received from Mr. Fraser, Secretary of the Trustees of St. David's Kirk, Georgetown, stat-

ing that it was the intention of the united congregations of Georgetown and Cardigan to offer a call to the Rev. Peter Melville as their pastor, and who is at present the assisting minister of the Rev. Dr. Brooke, Fredericton, N.B. Mr. Munro, a member of St. David's session and its representative elder in the Presbytery, then made a statement as to what were the steps the Kirk Session and Trustees of the congregation had taken in order to secure the services of Mr. Melville as their minister. A letter was read from the Rev. Peter Melville, stating his acceptance of the unanimous call to him to be the pastor of the congregations of Georgetown and Cardigan, on the terms proposed by the Trustees.

The Rev. Mr. Lawson, Murray Harbor, being present, was requested to take his seat in the Presbytery, and to deliberate in its proceedings, which he accepted.

A call from Georgetown and Cardigan congregations was then laid before the Presbytery, in behalf of the Rev. P. Melville, numbering 116 signatures, which was sustained by the Presbytery as a regular gospel call. A guarantee for stipend by the Trustees of Georgetown was also handed into the Clerk. A similar document was also promised to be given by the Trustees of Cardigan church. The Presbytery then empowered the Moderator to send the Call and all other papers to Mr. Melville as the elect minister without delay, and to call an interim meeting of the Presbytery, if he found necessary, to expedite the settlement and induction of Mr. Melville as the pastor of Georgetown and Cardigan. Pulpit supplies by members of the Presbytery were asked by Mr. Munro for Georgetown and Cardigan until the induction of Mr. Melville. While the Presbytery sympathized with these congregations in their want of Sabbath service, owing to the small number of its ministers, yet it would, however, endeavour to give supply by one of their number on the last Sabbath of August, being the 27th day.

Messrs. Duncan and Stewart reported that they held meetings, convened of their respective Kirk sessions, to consider questions contained in the Synod's circular addressed to them as relating to