

appear at the next meeting of Presbytery, in Charlottetown.

The following supply was appointed for Summerside and Lot 16, viz., Mr. Patter-son, on the last Sabbath of Dec., Rev. A. Cameron on the 2nd Sabbath of January at Summerside, morning and evening, and at Lot 16 at 3 o'clock, p. m.; Rev. J. G. Cameron at Summerside on 3rd Sabbath January, at 6½ o'clock, p. m., and Rev. James Allan at Summerside, morning and evening, and at Lot 16, at 3 o'clock, on the 4th Sabbath of January.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Tryon and Bonshaw, for Presbyterial Visitation, on Tuesday, 17th January, at the former place at 11 o'clock, a. m., the Moderator to preach; and at the latter place at 6½ o'clock, the Clerk to conduct service. It was also agreed to meet in Zion Church, Charlottetown, on the following day at 11 o'clock, a. m., for ordinary business.

J. M. McLEOD, Clerk.

The Presbytery of P. E. Island met at Tryon, on the 16th January, and after sermon by Rev. W. R. Frame, was constituted with prayer.

Having met for Presbyterial visitation, the questions of the formula were put, severally, to the minister, the elders, the session, and the managers. The answers to these questions, brought out fully, the state of this section of the congregation, both spiritual and financial. The members of Presbytery present expressed themselves highly pleased with the progress made, and with the degree of efficiency existing in every department of the congregation, both as regards pastor and people. The elders were encouraged to continue their attention to the spiritual interests of the people, and to visit the families in their respective districts, as frequently and regularly as possible; while the members of the congregation were urged to be regular in their attendance on prayer meetings and all other means of grace. The managers had previously been taking steps to increase the salary of their pastor. In this, they were encouraged to persevere; and the congregation fraternally advised to consider the duty of increased liberality in supporting the ordinances of religion, in their midst.

In the evening of the same day, the Presbytery met at Bonshaw; and after sermon by Rev. J. M. McLeod, was constituted. Here, as at Tryon, the questions of the formula were put to the office-bearers. The information elicited by these questions, indicate progress, both in the financial and spiritual affairs of this section of Mr. Cameron's congregation. Presbytery expressed themselves gratified to find that the arrears due the pastor are small, and

gradually becoming less, encourage the congregation to aim at a higher degree of liberality, and at greater promptness in supporting the ordinances of religion,—and appointed Revs. A. Cameron and J. M. McLeod to meet with both sections of this congregation at an early day, to assist them in their efforts at financial improvement. Their report to be submitted at next meeting of Presbytery.

On the following day, the Presbytery met in Zion Church, Charlottetown. The first business taken up was the call from New Glasgow, N. S., to the Rev. R. Cumming of Richmond Bay, West. The papers connected with the call having been read, and the Commissioners heard, Mr. Cumming intimated his acceptance of the call to New Glasgow. The Presbytery and all parties concerned acquiesced in Mr. Cumming's decision. Mr. Cumming's connection with the congregation of Richmond Bay, West, was dissolved—said dissolution to take effect on the 4th Feb., 1872. Rev. Robert Laird was appointed to preach in Lot 14 Church, on the above named day, and declare the congregation vacant.

The Presbytery unanimously expressed their high appreciation of Mr. Cumming, as a man, as a Christian and as an earnest and faithful minister of Jesus Christ—their deep regret at parting with their brother—their gratitude to God for the amount of good done, through his instrumentality, in his late charge, and their earnest prayer, that in his new sphere of labor, his ministry may be greatly blessed. They also expressed their sympathy with the congregation of Richmond Bay, West, in losing the services of their highly esteemed pastor, and the earnest hope that they may soon obtain a successor to Mr. Cumming.

Read a Resolution passed at a congregational meeting in Summerside, asking Presbytery to re-unite them with Lot 16; also a Memorial from the same congregation, signed by 115 members and adherents, praying Presbytery to allow them to remain as at present, a separate and distinct congregation. This Memorial was accompanied with a subscription list, guaranteeing the sum of £195 for the support of ordinances among them. The memorialists also expressed their willingness that their minister should give a part of his time to Lot 16. On mature deliberation, the Presbytery came to the following finding, viz:—

Whereas, the congregation of Summerside require the whole of a minister's time, and is prepared to pay the whole of a minister's salary;

And, whereas, there is a strong opposition, in Summerside, to re-union, and Lot 16, though notified to appear for their in