

General Assembly—Mr. McKay convenor of the Committee.

It was agreed, with the consent of the Home Mission Board, to invite Messrs. D. Currie, J.C. Martin, and M.L. Leitch and Montreal College, to labour within the bounds of the Presbytery during the ensuing summer.

The next quarterly meeting was appointed to be held in Zion Church, on first Tuesday of May, at 11 o'clock, a. m. It was also agreed to meet for general business on first Tuesday in April, in Zion Church, at 11 o'clock a. m.

JOHN M. McLEOD, Clerk.

Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax met on Tuesday Jan. 5th, in St. Matthew's Church. There were twenty-five members present, five of whom were elders.

Dr. McGregor called attention to the death of Rev. George Walker, of New Glasgow, and moved as follows:—"The Presbytery being informed of the removal by death of the Rev. George Walker, of New Glasgow, desires to record its sense of his great worth as a man, and usefulness of a minister of Christ, and resolves to mark respect for his memory, and desire that the dispensation may be blessed, by devoting the time from half past two to three this afternoon (the time of the interment) to special prayer for the bereaved family, the afflicted Pastor, and Church, and his brethren in the ministry." Being seconded by Dr. Burns, the resolution passed unanimously, and the half hour specified was devoted to special prayer accordingly.

Moderation in a call was granted to Chalmers' Church, Halifax; Prof Forrest to preside at Moderation on Feb. 20th, at 7.30, p. m.

A call from Middle Musquodoboit to Rev. B. S. Bayne, of Murray Harbor, P. E. I., was sustained and forwarded to the Island Presbytery. The call is very satisfactory and is accompanied by a promise of \$700 and a manse.

Dr. Pollock, Dr. McKnight, and Mr. Morrison were appointed a committee to examine the book of Rules and Forms, and suggest such changes and amendments as they may regard desirable.

Rev. Duncan McKinnon tendered the demission of his charge of Little River, Musquodoboit. The usual steps were taken to notify the congregation and cite them to appear for their interests at the

next meeting of Presbytery.

Messrs. Logan, McPherson, Henry, and the Clerk were appointed a committee to receive the returns respectively on Sabbath Schools, state of religion, Temperance and Statistics, and prepare reports on these several subjects for conference to be held at next meeting of Presbytery.

The principal matter before the Presbytery was the assembly scheme for the augmentation of stipends. It was fully explained by Dr. McGregor. The Presbytery on motion decided to bring the scheme, which aims at securing \$750 and a manse for every settled minister of the church, before all the congregations of the bounds, and remitted it to the following committee to make arrangements for carrying out this decision. Dr. Burns, Dr. Pollock, Messrs Morrison, Prof. Forrest, McPherson, Laing, A. Gunn (Windson) and Simpson, ministers; with Elders James Potter, R. Baxter, and J. K. Munnis.

Dr. Burns called attention to the appeal recently made on behalf of Manitoba College, and on motion the congregations of the Presbytery were earnestly recommended to respond to that appeal as liberally as possible.

The desirability of having evangelistic services, as last winter, was affirmed, and wherever practicable congregations are recommended to hold such services before the spring opens.

ALLAN SIMPSON, Clerk.

• Gladstone's heart and mind is strongly imbued with genuine National Reform principles. He recently said; "If I am asked what is the remedy for the deeper sorrow of the human heart—what a man should chiefly look to in his progress through life as the power that is to sustain him under trials and enable him manfully to confront his affliction—I must point to something which in a well known hymn is called the "the old, old story," told in an old, old book, and taught with an old, old teaching which is the greatest and best gift ever given to mankind."

God's treasury, where He keeps His children's gifts, will be like many a mother's store of relics of her children, full of things of no value to others, but precious in His eyes for the love's sake that was in them.—Fenelon.