

James, and — Landalls, Ruling Elders.

Mr John McKinnon, Student in Theology, delivered a discourse, and read a portion of the Epistle to the Hebrews in Greek. Both of these exercises were approved. Mr McKinnon informed the Presbytery of his intention to proceed to Scotland to prosecute his studies. The Clerk was directed to furnish Mr McK. with a suitable testimonial.

Reports of missionary work, by Mr Sprott at Kempt, and by Mr Grant at Sheet Harbor, were read with interest and approval. Members of Presbytery reported fulfilment of appointments to preach at different parts of the Railway, from which it appeared, that since last meeting divine service had been held on eight different Sabbaths, at different localities, which were gratefully received, and the expenses incurred in travelling defrayed. It appeared farther that Mr Matheson, preacher, had been employed in the same field of usefulness from the first Sabbath of May. It was agreed that Mr Matheson be left to divide his time among the different sections, according to his own judgment, after seeing the whole extent of the demand. The Clerk was farther instructed to correspond with the Presbyteries of Truro and Pictou, and invite their assistance, as one laborer is entirely inadequate, and the members of this Presbytery too few to give the amount of supply which they would wish to furnish, and which seems to be required.

Rev Hugh Ross was recalled from Cape Sable Island and directed to take part with Mr Matheson in the Railway mission from the date of his return until the meeting of Synod—Mr McGregor to give directions to Mr Ross on his arrival from Shelburne.

Mr McCully was continued at Annapolis until the meeting of Synod.

The committee appointed to correspond with the Managers of Yarmouth congregation, stated that they had written as directed, but had as yet received no reply. The subject involved in the correspondence was therefore necessarily delayed till next meeting.

An appeal to Synod from a decision of session of Poplar Grove Church, by one of its members, against refusing admission to the membership of the Church to persons of acknowledged christian excellence, or to certified members from other christian Churches, who may seek admission, because they may have conscientious scrup-

les against giving an *unqualified* assent to the Formula of admission, was read, and after consideration transmitted.

Next meeting to be held in New Glasgow on the fourth Tuesday of June.

BELLE VUE, R. JOHN,

May 15th, 1856.

Dear Sir,—Enclosed you have Fourteen Pounds and Ten Shillings to the credit of our Foreign Mission Fund.—This sum comes from the congregation of St Andrew's Church, in St John, New Brunswick, under the pastoral charge of the Rev William Donald, A. M., of the Established Church of Scotland;—and has been forwarded by our former Treasurer, Dr Waddell, who is at present connected with that congregation. Various circumstances render it peculiarly pleasing to me to be made the channel of communication with you on an occasion so interesting.

The money comes most opportunely, as we have been making exhausting disbursements for the outfit of our young brother Gordon, and for the furnishing of supplies to our mission family, per the "John Williams," about to sail from Britain for the South Sea missions.

But the contribution is rendered increasingly valuable as it comes to our aid from brethren in Christ Jesus who have no share in the responsibility of our mission, but who send us fraternal greeting, and thus kindly contribute to its support. Surely we may thank God and take courage when we find portions of the Presbyterian family, beyond ourselves, making common cause with us, and, unsolicited, coming to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Is it not indicative of better coming times to see an elder of our Church associated with a congregation in a sister Church (or mother, if you will), and that congregation stretching out a helping hand to aid in our most interesting Foreign Mission Scheme?—Shall we not have more and more of such exhibitions of mutual love and mutual co-operation?—Sure I am, the congregation of St Andrews will not regret that they have been forward to afford the testimony which they have given, and most heartily do I pray that they may realize that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

The transmission of this valued contribution calls up very pleasing reminiscences of a passing visit which I paid, some five years ago, to friends in St John,