

report of the committee was approved. The consideration of Mr. Melville's resignation was then resumed, when, on motion, it was unanimously agreed to accept the same, and instruct the clerk to furnish Mr. Melville with the usual Presbyterian certificate.

An application was made by Rev. J. R. Thompson, Olympia, U. S., to this Presbytery, to employ within their bounds, as a probationer, a minister whom they had received from the Baptist Church. The letter was referred to the Home Mission Board for the Maritime Provinces.

Rev. Mr. Duncan introduced the motion of which he gave notice at the last meeting, anent the increase of Ministers' salaries. By reference to the to the published statistics of the Church he showed the utter inadequacy of the support given to many of our Ministers—the evils resulting from this state of things, and the duty of the Presbytery to see that suitable provision is made for the members who labor in a word and doctrine, and moved the appointment of a committee to whom this matter shall be entrusted. The members of the committee are Revs. Alex. McLean, chairman, Wm. R. Frame, Neil McKay, Thos. Duncan, J. M. McLeod, and John A. McLaine, Thomas Brehaut, John Simpson, Charles Gregor, Malcolm McFadyen, Alex. C. Stewart, J. G. Sterns and Dugald McNutt, Esqs.

J. M. McLeod, Pb'y. Clerk.

Presbytery of St. John.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of St. John held in Calvin Church Nov. 9th, in addition to routine business, the consideration of the demission of Rev. Mr. Simpson of his charge of the congregation of Pisarino, Nerepis and Jerusalem; was taken up and fully considered. Mr. Henry Galbraith, from Pisarino, and Mr. William McIntyre, from Nerepis, appeared as delegates from their respective sections, and expressed their deep regret at the prospect of losing the valuable services of Mr. Simpson. Owing to depression in all kinds of business they had fallen into arrears with the stipend, but felt confident that as soon as the times improved they would meet all deficiencies. It was much regretted that Jerusalem failed in sending a representative especially as that section is very much in arrears. After mature deliberation it was agreed to appoint Rev. Dr. Waters and the Clerk to visit the congregation and report at an early day.

The demission of the Rev. John Wallace of his charge at St. George was permitted to lie on the table, and Rev. Messrs Millen, Begg and Quinn, were appointed to visit

the congregation and report at the next meeting of Presbytery.

A call from the Presbyterian Church in St. Stephen was laid on the table, and Rev. Mr. Quinn reported that he presided at the moderation which was most cordial and unanimous, in favor of Rev. W. P. Begg, late of Woodstock. Mr. Begg being present signified his acceptance, and his induction was appointed to take place on Thursday, 25th.

A petition was read from Chipman, Queen's County, asking for moderation, which was granted, and Rev. James Bennet was appointed to preach and moderate at an early date.

A letter was read from R. H. Taylor declining to accept the position in which he was placed by the action of Synod. A minute of the First General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada anent "arrears of stipend" was read, and the Clerk was instructed to write to those congregations in arrears and report to the next meeting of Presbytery. A committee was also appointed to draw up a scheme for congregational visitation. The city ministers and their representative elders were appointed a committee to make necessary arrangements for holding a Presbyterial Sabbath School Convention on the second Tuesday of January ensuing, and the committee was authorized to associate with them all the Superintendents within the bounds of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. David's Church, on the second Tuesday of January, 1876, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

Presbytery of Truro.

The Presbytery of Truro met in the new church at Acadian Mines, on Tuesday, the 2nd Nov. There was an average attendance of Ministers and Elders; but the congregation was small. The Rev. Messrs. Houston, of Michigan; McLeod, of Charlottetown; Shenton, of Truro; Sharpe, of Acadia, and Ogden, of Wentworth, were invited to sit as corresponding members. The examination evinced the want of an earnest and energetic pastor to organize and build up the congregation. Messrs. Ralph McCabe and W. N. Dickson appeared as commissioners from Coldstream Congregation. They expressed their regret that the pastor had tendered his demission. They also declared the desire of the congregation that the pastoral tie should not be dissolved, and the intention of the congregation to make an honest and persistent effort to support ordinances. They asked the Presbytery to render them assistance, by recommending a large supplement and contributions from outside, towards defraying the debt on the