

Presbytery of St. John.

This Presbytery met in the School-room of St. David's Church on the 2nd March. Revs. Robt. Wilson and J. G. Baylis being present were invited to sit and correspond.

The Clerk reported that the Committee appointed to raise a Presbytery fund had considered the matter, and had agreed to ask the several congregations to pay to such fund one per cent. upon the amount paid to their ministers, and that he had notified the brethren of this arrangement. The report was received and approved, and the Rev. S. Houston was appointed Treasurer of this fund.

An application was handed in from the Carleton Congregation, asking for moderating in a call. Agreed to grant moderating.

The Presbytery took up the following matters remitted by Synod for the consideration of Presbyteries.

First.—The nomination of a suitable person to fill the office of Moderator of Synod for the ensuing year, whereupon the Rev. Mr. Harvey was unanimously nominated.

Second.—The reconstruction of the Presbyteries of York, St. Stephen, and St. John, whereupon it was resolved to ask for a conference of those three Presbyteries on this subject during the next meeting of Synod at Charlottetown; and the Clerk was instructed to communicate this resolution to the other Presbyteries.

Rev. James Bennet then stated that the Rev. Robt. Wilson, who was then present, was desirous of presenting an application to be received as a Minister in connexion with this Church. This intimation was gladly received, and as the hour of adjournment had arrived, it was agreed that Mr. Wilson be heard in regard to his application at 3 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Wilson addressed the Presbytery expressing his admiration of the Presbyterian system of Church government, and his desire to become a Minister of the Presbyterian Church—his readiness to subscribe its formulas and submit to its discipline. He showed by varied testimony his good standing in the Congregational body, of which he had been a minister for many years, in Scotland and England and in these Provinces. He gave explanations regarding his present position, and expressed his readiness to answer any enquiries that may be proposed to him.

On motion of the Rev. N. McKay, seconded by the Rev. James Bennet, it was unanimously resolved as follows:—

“That the application of the Rev. Robt. Wilson be cordially received, and, together with his testimonials, forwarded for the consideration of Synod. That meanwhile

this Presbytery take him under our care and give him such employment as may be practicable within our bounds—and further, that the Board of Home Missions be notified of Mr. Wilson's application to, and reception by this Presbytery, with a request that until the meeting of Synod, he be considered a labourer under the direction of the Board.”

The Presbytery then appointed Mr. Wilson to preach in Carleton next Sabbath in the morning and in the evening, to supply the pulpit of Mr. McKay, to whom the Presbytery had assigned duties at Piserinco and Carleton. It was further agreed that after next Sabbath the service of Mr. Wilson should be placed at the disposal of the Presbytery of York, and the Clerk was instructed to give notice of this fact to the Clerk of said Presbytery.

The Presbytery then took up the remit of Synod anent the mode of appointing Synodic Committees. For the appointment of the following Committees, viz.:—Home Mission, Foreign Missions, Supplements and Superintendence of Hall, the Presbytery agreed to recommend that each Presbytery shall appoint a Minister and an Elder,—that Presbyteries numbering twelve Ministers shall appoint two Ministers and two Elders,—and that Presbyteries numbering twenty-four Ministers shall appoint three Ministers and three Elders, and that the other committees be appointed as heretofore.

It was then agreed to hold the next meeting of Presbytery in this place on the 23rd March instant, at 11 o'clock, a. m. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet for the visitation of St. David's Church this evening at 7.30.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH,

Same day, half-past 7, p. m.

The Presbytery met this evening, according to appointment, for visitation of St. David's Congregation. After praise, prayer, reading and exposition of Scripture by the Moderator, the Presbytery was constituted.

The visitation of the Congregation was then proceeded with, the following parties appearing at the bar: the Pastor, Rev. N. McKay; on behalf of the Elders, Messrs. Allen, Wilson, Milligan, Douglas, and Chisholm; and on behalf of the Trustees, Messrs. Willet, Fraser and Welsh.

The questions of the formula for visitation being put, the answers were made as follows:—

The Pastor said that he endeavours to preach the gospel faithfully; does not hold catechetical diets; visits the Congregation from house to house as often as he can; always visits the afflicted; is regular in his