

There were present the Revs. John Stewart, George Walker, A. P. Miller, Geo. Patterson, Wm. Maxwell, John McKinnon, Alex. Stirling and Wm. Grant, Ministers; and Messrs. Thomas Grant, Donald Ross, and John Dawson, Ruling Elders.

The Presbytery proceeded with the visitation of the congregation by the Moderator putting the questions of the Formula 'in their order, to which, on the whole, satisfactory answers were given.

It appeared that the minister is faithfully preaching the Gospel and attending to the pastoral work of the congregation, in all its branches, to the utmost of his ability. The Elders are diligently and conscientiously doing their work. Prayer meetings, Bible classes, and Sabbath schools are maintained with efficiency. The sick and the dying are faithfully visited.

The Managers are doing their work punctually and regularly. The stipend promised is promptly paid, and contributions are made to all the schemes of the church.

The state of religion in the congregation, judging from the outward aspect of things, is in a very encouraging condition. It is true that there is no outward excitement manifested, but there is evidently a silent progressive work of grace going on.

The Presbytery expressed themselves highly satisfied with the efficient state in which they found the congregation.

Some members of Presbytery referred to the fact that a stipend of \$600, even with a manse, is, at the present day, and in the present state of society, very insufficient to meet the requirements of a minister in a country congregation, where he must keep a horse and all the appurtenances necessary for travelling in both winter and summer. There is every reason to hope, judging from the past, that this congregation will not be behind in furnishing all the requisites necessary for their minister's comfort.

A letter was read from the Clerk of P. E. Island Presbytery intimating that the Rev. Robert Cumming had accepted the call to John Knox's Church, New Glasgow. Whereupon the Presbytery agreed to meet in that church on Tuesday, the 20th inst., for the induction of Mr. Cumming, and for ordinary business. Rev. Mr. Ross to preside, Mr. Patterson to preach, Mr. Stewart to address the minister and Mr. Mackinnon the people.

JOHN MACKINNON, *Clerk.*

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

The Presbytery of P. E. Island, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, met in Zion Church, Charlottetown, on 27th Dec., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

There were present, Revs. R. S. Patterson, Alex. Campbell, James Allan, Isaac Murray, J. M. McLeod, Alex. Cameron, Wm. R. Frame, J. G. Cameron and Samuel C. Gunn, min., and Robert Cairns, William Mutch, James Henderson and Thomas Brehaut, Elders.

A letter was read from the Presbytery of Pictou, stating that they had sustained a call from the congregation of Knox's Church's, New Glasgow, to Rev. R. Cumming, of Richmond Bay West. The call and accompanying papers were laid on the table. Rev. Robert Laird was appointed to exchange with Mr. Cumming, on Sabbath 14th January—notify his congregation of said call—lodge with them a copy of the reasons for Mr. Cumming's translation to New Glasgow, and cite them to appear for their interests at the next meeting of Presbytery.

In response to a letter from the Secretary of the Home Mission Board, it was, on motion, agreed, earnestly to recommend each congregation within the bounds of this Presbytery which has not recently done so, to make a collection with as little delay as possible, for the Educational Institutions of the Church.

In order that the Presbytery may have a small fund, from which to pay the clerk and meet incidental expenses, it was agreed to ask each session to contribute annually, the sum of twenty shillings, David Laird, Esq., to be Treasurer for said fund.

The committee appointed to visit Summerside and Lot 16, to ascertain their desires with respect to re-union, submitted their report. Their diligence was approved and their report received, and allowed to lie on the table. Read a memorial from Summerside, signed by 115 members and adherents, asking to be allowed to remain as at present, a separate congregation. A subscription paper guaranteeing £190 for a minister's salary, was also laid on the table. It was agreed to let this matter lie over, till the next regular meeting of Presbytery in Charlottetown, when all the parties concerned may have an opportunity of appearing for their interests.

Presbytery was gratified to learn that the congregation of Strathalbyn were making laudable efforts to wipe out old arrears, and would encourage them to persevere until they are all paid up; and also to take steps to raise their pastor's salary, at least, to the minimum laid down by Synod.

Messrs. Brehaut and Brown, two members of the Summerside Session, applied for a reconsideration of a decision of Presbytery in reference to certain proceedings of said Session. After mature deliberation, it was agreed to grant the request, and instruct the Clerk to cite those interested, to