

News of the Church.

Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond.

The Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond met, pursuant to notice, on the 16th March, in the Church at Little Narrows.

Besides members of Presbytery, there were present a large proportion of the congregation, and representatives from the River Section of the Charge of Rev. Adam McKay, of Middle River, C. B. An appropriate discourse being preached in Gaelic by the Rev. David Drummond, of Bonladerie, the court was duly constituted by Mr. Grant. The principal business for the consideration of the meeting, was a Call from the congregation of Kenyon, Glengarry, Ont., duly sustained by the Presbytery of Montreal, as a regular Gospel Call, in favor of Rev. A. McKay. The Call, reasons of translation, and other relative documents, with answers to those reasons, were read. Rev. Mr. Drummond who had been invited to sit as corresponding member, presented a letter from Dr. McLeod, Sydney, C. B., authorizing him to act in his place as commissioner of the Presbytery of Montreal and congregation of Kenyon, to plead before this Presbytery. Mr. Drummond was heard in the interests of his commission. Commissioners from the congregation of Middle River and Little Narrows, and members of Presbytery were heard in favor of retaining Mr. McKay in his present charge. The meeting being led in prayer by Rev. K. McKenzie, the Moderator placed the Call in Mr. McKay's hands for his decision. Mr. McKay, after some thoughtful remarks in connection with said Call, and his present charge which is very extensive and important, decided to decline the Call, which was therefore laid aside, and the congregation dismissed with praise and the benediction.

The Clerk was instructed to write, and apply to the "H. M. B." through their Secretary, for the services of a Catechist, who can officiate in the Gaelic language, at North East Margaree, during the ensuing summer and autumn, and in reference to some other matters of less general interest.

K. MCKENZIE *Pres. Clerk.*

Presbytery of St. John.

The Presbytery of St. John met in St. David's Church, on Tuesday, the 6th of April, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Rev. R. Wilson gave a very interesting and encouraging report of the state of affairs in St. George. After the ordination and induction of Mr. Wallace the congregation gave him a very cordial reception, and showed every indica-

tion of rallying round and supporting their pastor. The Clerk reported that the Kincardine colony had boarded Rev. James Howie during his nine weeks' missionary labor among them, and that they had raised a collection of twenty dollars for the Home Mission Board. The Presbytery expressed satisfaction at this effort for the support of religious ordinances. The Synod's recommendations ament Systematic Benevolence were taken up, and it was agreed to take the whole matter into special consideration at the first ordinary meeting of Presbytery after the consummation of the Union.

On recommendation of the Convener of the Acadian Mission Committee, it was agreed that the Revs. Dr. Waters, Wilson, Stuart and Burgess, be a committee to hear Mr. Paradis' trials for ordination, and be invested with Presbyterial power to ordain. A memorial was read from Rev. Andrew Donald, giving notice that he will resign his charge sometime during the present year, owing to age and increasing infirmity, and asking that he might receive the benefit of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. Mr. Donald was sent out to Nova Scotia in the year 1841 by the Colonial Committee in Scotland, and has since that period been a most zealous laborer in his Master's vineyard. He never enjoyed the advantages of a lucrative salary, his average income not amounting to more than four hundred dollars per annum. The Presbytery most cordially granted the petition of the memorial and instructed the Clerk to report the case to the Committee of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

On application by Rev. Dr. Waters, it was agreed to overture Synod for the purpose of receiving Mr. D. M. Sterns as a Theological student of the second year, and to allow him to continue his studies under the superintendence of this Presbytery. The request was granted and Revs. Dr. Waters, and Bennet were appointed to bring the case before the next meeting of Synod. The Clerk was instructed to issue printed circulars to all the congregations asking for special liberality in their collections for the Synod Fund, also to write to the managers of those congregations whose ministers' salaries were behind hand, asking that immediate steps be taken to pay up arrears, and to report progress.

In the evening, according to a previous arrangement, a conference of Presbytery was held on Sabbath School work, open to the public. Rev. Dr. Waters addressed the meeting on the "Origin, progress and development of Sabbath Schools;" Rev. J. Bennet on the "Deficiencies of Sabbath Schools;" Rev. J. Hogg, on the "Relation which the Sabbath School bears to the Church;" Rev. R. Wilson, on "The best method of conducting Sabbath Schools."