

whole subject having been discussed, it was moved by the Clerk, and seconded by Mr. Sinclair: "The Presbytery hear with much pleasure the expressed desires of the people of Brookfield, for additional ministerial labours among them. But looking at the the whole case, and considering their claims compared with other parts of the church, the Presbytery cannot see their way clear, as yet, to erect them into a distinct congregation. The Presbytery would at the same time express their high approval of the spirit manifested by the memorialists throughout the whole movement."

It was moved in amendment by Dr McCulloch, and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Elder, "That the prayer of the memorial be granted."

The motion passed, Dr. McCulloch dissenting. The Moderator reported that he had fulfilled his appointment to the first congregation of Maitland and Noel. He had preached there on Sabbath the 11th inst., officially intimating the deposition of the Rev. Jacob McLellan, and declaring the congregation vacant.

A congregational meeting was held on Monday. A number of influential persons, elders, members, and adherents were in attendance, both from Maitland and Noel. They asked the Presbytery to take order for their proper reorganization, the congregation having become very much broken up. They also asked that the Presbytery would afford them such supply as would be best suited to their peculiar circumstances. In accordance with this request, the Rev. J. McG. McKay, of Economy, was appointed to labour in this congregation during three weeks. Mr. McKinnon of Parrsboro to supply his congregation two of the Sabbaths he would be absent.

Appointed next meeting of Presbytery to be held in St. John, at the call of the Moderator, during the meeting of Synod.

### Presbytery of St. John.

On the 23rd May, a deputation of the Presbytery of St. John visited by appointment the Londonderry section of Rev. A. Donald's congregation; the Campbell Settlement section was visited some time ago. The deputies were the Rev. Lewis Jack and Rev. Samuel Houston. Religious services being engaged in and a sermon preached, the questions of the Formula were answered to the following effect:—

The pastor endeavors to preach the Gospel faithfully; to some extent he holds diets of examination, say once in two years; visits from house to house on an average once a year; visits the afflicted attentively as far as the wide extent of his charge permits him; attends Church courts as frequently as possible. Owing to the

great extent of the field and the consequent difficulty there is in some attending at Sacramental occasions, he has sometimes administered baptism to infants neither of whose parents is in the fellowship of the Church, but is getting out of that practice now, in fact is almost out of it; has had Bible classes sometimes, but none now.

The Elders answered that as to visiting, advising and praying with the families of their districts, some attend to those duties, some do not; in a vague way they watch over the members of the congregation; most of them are attentive in visiting the afflicted; attend the meetings of Session conscientiously, the other Church courts as as they are appointed occasionally; they do not take part in prayer meetings for there are none.

The Session answered that they have a competent number of Elders, namely, seven, the district allotted to each is not very rigidly defined; are careful not to admit to sealing ordinances persons under censure in other congregations; have occasional meetings for conference and prayer; to some extent exercise supervision over baptized youth, and endeavor to bring them to a right view of the obligations that rest upon them; exercise some superintendence over Sabbath Schools; contributed last year to the Schemes of the Church as follows:—

Synod Fund.....	\$7 67
Home Missions.....	6 00
Foreign Missions.....	6 00
Supplement Fund.....	6 00
Theological Education.....	2 45
Dayspring.....	11 81

The ordinance of praise is pretty generally observed; the state of religion is on the whole somewhat encouraging; many are sincere Christians. Where the male head of the household is a member, family worship is kept almost without exception; in some cases family teaching is carefully attended, and the Sabbath is observed in a becoming manner by most; service as a rule here once a fortnight; no prayer-meeting on the alternate Sabbaths, but the Elders engaged to try and keep one up henceforth; no weekly prayer meeting; about 55 communicants in Londonderry, with 20 additional at Roxburgh and Mechanics Settlement. There is some outlying population to reach, which attempts have been made; 17 copies of the *Record* are taken in Londonderry, and 6 in the Mechanics' Settlement; the general business of the congregation is entrusted to managers.

The Managers reported that \$84.27 was paid the Minister from this place, \$39.40 from Mechanics' Settlement, there being 45 families in both places; do not think