

Address to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, William Cleaver Robinson, Esq., now arriving, on his assuming the government of this Colony. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Zion Church on the first Wednesday of November, at 11 o'clock.

R. LAIRD, Clerk.

Presbytery of St. John.

The Presbytery of St. John met in St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, on the 11th Oct. The Rev. S. Houston preached a very able and practical sermon from 1 Cor. xii. 7,—the leading idea enforced being the responsibility of every church member, and the duty of all members as well as office-bearers to work in the Master's cause.

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Sederunt—Rev. S. Houston, Moderator, Revs. John Turnbull, Wm. Millen, N. McKay, Clerk, and Samuel Johnson, ministers; and Judge Stevens, John McLeod, Thomas Robinson, and John E. Orr, elders.

The Rev. John Home was, on motion, associated with the Presbytery as a corresponding motion.

Before proceeding to the immediate business of the evening, His Honor Judge Stevens, in very complimentary and touching terms, moved the thanks of the Presbytery to Rev. Mr. Houston, for his singularly beautiful and impressive discourse.

The motion was unanimously carried, and the thanks of the Presbytery conveyed to Mr. Houston, by Rev. N. McKay, in graceful and appropriate terms. The St. Croix Courier says:—

The visitation of St. Stephen congregation was proceeded with, Judge Stevens and Mr. Robert Clark giving information in reference to the working of the church both spiritually and financially, additional information being furnished by Rev. J. Home. After conference the Presbytery came to the following conclusion:

"Resolved, That in view of the fact that the congregation has been upwards of two years without a settled pastor, the progress made is highly satisfactory, and the efforts made to liquidate the debt on the church property and otherwise to provide for the maintenance of ordinances are most praiseworthy; and with the prospective full organization of the congregation, and the settlement of a fixed pastor, the Presbytery feel that under its spirited leaders a prosperous future awaits this congregation."

The Presbytery was occupied chiefly with routine business yesterday forenoon. The Rev. Neil McKay was commissioned to dispense the sacrament of the Lord's supper at Baillie, next Sabbath, and the Rev. Mr. Home was appointed to supply Mr. McKay's pulpit in St. John.

Wednesday afternoon there was a visitation of St. James' congregation by Rev. S. Johnson, and Judge Stevens, delegates from the Presbytery.

The same evening the Presbytery met at Waweig, and on Thursday and Friday visited the congregations at Bocabec, Didegnash, and Bay Side.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ST. STEPHEN, October, 12th, 1870.

The Presbytery met and was constituted.

A memorial from the Rev. J. D. Murray relating to the propriety of holding a communion service and forming a communion roll at Buctouche, was read, and the matter was remitted to the Kirk Session of Moncton, with instructions to use their discretion in the premises—the Presbytery approving the proposal of dispensing the Lord's Supper at Buctouche and forming a communion roll.

A letter from Mr. D. T. Blair, Fredericton, was read, asking for the services of Rev. W. Stuart for six months. It was agreed to recommend the proposal to the Home Mission Board, it being understood that the Presbytery assume no pecuniary responsibility in the matter.

The Moderator brought under the notice of the Presbytery definite rumors which he had heard at Glassville of the irregular administration of sealing ordinances there by a person claiming to be a minister of this Church. On motion, it was remitted to the Kirk Session of Glassville to make enquiry into the facts and report to this Presbytery.

The application of the Rev. John Home to be received as a minister of this Church was then taken up, and an extract minute of Synod anent the case was read. Mr. Home stated his readiness to be guided by the Presbytery in respect to the enquiry which the Synod had instructed them to make; his fullest consciousness of innocence in respect to rumors which had been irregularly brought before the Synod, and his readiness to meet his accusers face to face.

Judge Stevens stated that he knew Mr. Home most favorably; that he had heard rumors about him before he came here at all, which was very damaging to his character; that he (Judge Stevens) had taken the trouble to make strict enquiry into these rumors and could not trace any of them to any reliable authority, and that he believed they had not the slightest foundation; that Mr. Home had been here, in a manner, on trial for two years, and that nothing could be brought against him. He strongly admonished upon the injustice of attaching importance to vague rumors which usually had their origin in calumny, and against which no man's character was proof.