

arrangements were made for carrying into effect the Presbytery's resolution.

The Presbytery took up the subject of Union with the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, as to which an expression of opinion had been invited by Synod. Considerable discussion ensued. All were agreed as to the desirableness of such a Union, but fears were expressed, arising from various indications since the meeting of Synod, that there would be a disposition on the part of the New Brunswick brethren, or an influential part of them at least, to tie up the hands of the United Church from dealing with the question of instrumental music in public worship. It was felt that a distinct understanding should be had on this point, affecting as it did, not the worship only but the government of the church. The following was unanimously adopted as the deliverance of Presbytery,—cordially approve of the proposed union with the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, due care being taken before the union be consummated that purity and uniformity of *worship* as well as of doctrine, discipline and government, be secured in the United Church.

The Rev. T. Sedgewick was appointed to supply Prof. Smith's pulpit on the third, and the Rev. H. B. McKay on the fourth Sabbath of February.

Other business of a less important nature was transacted, when the Presbytery adjourned to meet at New Annan, for visitation, on March 20, the Rev. W. S. Darragh being appointed to preach on that occasion.

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

**THE RECORD FOR 1866.**—We look for a largely increased circulation this year. Can you do anything more for us in your congregation? We know several districts where a short but earnest canvass placed a copy of the *Record* in every family.

**REV. MR. GEDDIE.**—Our pioneer missionary expects to leave for the New Hebrides, by way of Britain, in the first steamer for February. Letters, parcels, &c., for him or for any of our missionaries now in the foreign field, should be forwarded to the *Witness* office, Halifax.

**FUNDS.**—Our readers must not forget to make regular contributions for Home and Foreign Missions, and for education. These three funds require large collections. We have not had enough for Home Missions and for Education for several years past.—In fact, we have not had half enough for Home Missions. The field is vast; the need is urgent, but the laborers are few, and

the contributions for their support are not what they should be.

**THE COLLEGE.**—The Church may well be thankful for the number of young men that come forward as candidates for the ministry. But still more encouraging than their number is their character for learning, talent, and zeal combined with discretion. No church in this or any other country but would rejoice to have such workmen. Let our people pray earnestly for our students that they may be taught of God's Holy Spirit.

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS.**—The Synod's Committee on Sabbath Schools have issued a series of Lessons for 1866, which can be had for *fifty cents* per hundred copies. The whole year's lessons are on one card. Comments on those lessons will appear in the *Record*. The committee strongly recommend teachers of Sabbath Schools to give these lessons a trial. Suggestions and criticisms will be thankfully received.

Orders for the lessons should be sent to the *Witness* office, Halifax. Payment should accompany the order.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou held in New Glasgow on the 12th ult., a call was laid before the Presbytery from the congregation of Lochaber and Goshen in favour of Rev. Alex. Ross, of Pictou. Intimation was appointed to be given to the congregation of the latter, that they may appear for their interests at the next meeting, which will be held in Knox's church, Pictou, on Tuesday, 9th January.

**DONATION.**—The Ladies of Dartmouth congregation presented the Rev. Alex. McKnight, on Christmas day, with a purse containing \$71.

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**—All who love the cause of the Redeemer will rejoice to learn that there is a prospect of largely increased evangelistic labours among the Presbyterians of New Brunswick, in connection with the Union to be consummated in June next. The field is very extensive. The necessities of the people are very great.—Our brethren are labouring diligently, but their number is comparatively small, and there are many extensive sections of the country which they cannot undertake. Our young men did good service last year, and we trust that at least an equal number of them will be found in the same field next summer. From all that we can learn the prospects of the Union are as cheering as ever. Should any difficulties at any time arise we doubt not they would vanish under the influence of prayer and loving brotherly intercourse. But we anticipate no hind-