

The members of Presbytery reported that they had fulfilled their appointments in preaching at Clyde River church, and that on all occasions, without exception, the attendance was most gratifying.

Messrs. Dixon and McPhail appeared as a deputation from that congregation, thanking the Presbytery for the services supplied, and requesting, now as the church is opened and a warm interest taken in it by the people, that the Presbytery would continue to grant services as far as they can see fit.

On motion, it was agreed that the members of the Presbytery give a Sunday each, until the next meeting of Presbytery, as follows:—The Rev. Mr. McLean on the 6th Feby.; the Rev. Mr. Stewart on the 27th Feby.; the Rev. Mr. McWilliam on the 20th March; the Rev. Mr. McColl on the 10th April; and the Rev. Mr. Duncan on the 1st May. And the Presbytery recommend the different congregations to hold prayer meetings on the Sundays on which their own ministers are thus absent.

The Presbytery then called for reports of the different Lay Associations within the bounds, when it appeared that

St. Peter's Road	collected	£12	7	5½	for year ending Oct. 1869
Brackley Pt. Road	"	15	12	3	" " Nov. 1869
Georgetown	"	14	6	9	" " Dec. 1869
Charlottetown	"	18	0	0	

There being no representative from Belfast, there was no report. In De Sable, no Lay Association is as yet organized.

The Presbytery were gratified to hear the progressive success of the various Associations, and requested the Clerk to give instructions that the different accounts be closed by the next meeting of Presbytery; and that a full report be then given in, when the claims for assistance from this fund shall be considered, and the money on hand shall be apportioned.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Charlottetown on the third Thursday of May, being the 19th of that month, at 11 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

ALEX. MCWILLIAM, *Pby. Clerk.*

### PRESBYTERIAN UNION.

The old and new school Presbyterians in the United States have united. For many years the Presbyterians in Australia have formed but one undivided church. Throughout Canada and the unconfederated provinces, the Free and United Presbyterian Churches have united. There is but one step more wanted to form an undivided Presbyterian Church throughout British North America. It is a subject which forces itself upon the attention of every thoughtful man. Why do we not unite? What is in the way? Is it difference of doctrine, or discipline, or government? or is it merely the different traditions of our churches which keep us apart? For what will we barter these traditions? Will we barter them for the common weal—for the interests of religion in large sections of the country: for the spirit and prayer of our Lord, that they all may be one? "As Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they may be one in us."

We would earnestly invite the attention of ministers and elders and people to this important topic. It is a topic which must, sooner or later, engross the attention of all, and the sooner the better, perhaps for all parties. The subject must be "ventilated," and well ventilated, before a union is possible. Let us take the question into our most earnest and prayerful thought. Let us lovingly weigh the happy results that such a union is calculated, under God's blessing, to bring. Let us exercise forbearance and that Christian charity (which at least "thinketh no evil,") on any point of larger or lesser interest,