

order to carry out the directions of Synod, and at the same time examine the affairs of the congregations generally, the Presbytery resolved itself into three Committees for a thorough visitation of all the congregations. Messrs. Gordon, Logan, Hogg, Mowitt, Sutherland and McGillivray with their Presbytery elders, and the Presbytery elders of West Cornwallis, and Kempt and Walton, to visit the Western congregations: Mr. Mowitt, Convener.

Messrs. McNeill, Bernard, Gauld, Cameron, McLean and Sedgewick, with their Presbytery elders and the elder from Milford and Gay's River, to visit congregations in the Centre: Mr. McLean, Convener.

The remaining members of Presbytery to take the City and Shore district: Mr. Simpson, Convener.

Rev. J. P. McGillivray was appointed to watch over the interests of the Education Fund in this Presbytery. Next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in New Glasgow.

Presbytery of St. John.

The Presbytery of St. John met in the St. John Presbyterian Church on the 1st of September, and there were present fourteen ministers and three elders. Rev. Kenneth McKay was elected Moderator during the ensuing year. The Presbytery expressed their satisfaction at the full supply given to the vacant congregations and stations during the month of August, but were dissatisfied with the way in which a probationer disappointed the St. James Congregation. A letter was read from Rev. Mr. Quinn proposing the terms on which he would remain in New Kincardine for one year. The Presbytery could not see their way clear to accept the offer, but requested the Clerk to restate the terms already proposed.

Mr. Thomson declined the call to Glassville. An interesting report was read from Mr. Stanley of his labors in Quaco, Tyne-mouth Creek and Black River during the summer months, stating that all his expenses would be paid without making any call on the Home Mission Board, and that urgent requests were made for a continuous supply from the Presbytery. The Presbytery expressed their great satisfaction at Mr. Stanley's labors, and also at the liberality exhibited by those stations. A letter was also read from St. George, stating that \$151 had been raised for Mr. Bayne, Catechist, for his labors in that place during sixteen weeks. The Presbytery also expressed their great satisfaction at the liberal manner in which this station had met their liabilities. Mr. Paradis, Missionary at Grand Falls, received trials for ordi-

nation to be handed in at the regular meeting of Presbytery held in December.

The remit of Synod on Union was taken up, and it was moved by Rev. Dr. Waters, seconded by Rev. R. Wilson, that the Preamble, Basis of Union and Resolutions appended thereto, adopted by the Synod of the Churches of the Maritime Provinces, and sent down to Presbyteries in terms of the Barrier Act, be approved by this Presbytery, and that Sessions and Congregations be instructed to report their action thereon to the Clerk of this Presbytery before the 15th day of October—said reports to be forwarded by him to the Clerk of Synod.

Rev. James Salmon tendered the resignation of his charge in Chipman, on the ground of inadequacy of support. The Presbytery agreed to meet in Chipman on the third Wednesday of September, at half-past 7 o'clock, p.m., at which meeting the congregation will be duly summoned to appear for their interests. Owing to the scarcity of preachers during September the Home Mission Committee were requested to make the best arrangements possible for the supply of vacant congregations and stations.

The Presbytery of St. John, of the Church of the Maritime Provinces, met at Redbank Church, Salmon River, on the 16th Sept. After a forcible discourse by the Rev. Dr. MacIse on 1 Cor. xv.: 25., the Presbytery was constituted. In the absence of the Moderator and Clerk, Dr. MacIse was appointed to act as Moderator and Dr. Waters as Clerk, *pro tempore*.

After the reading of the Minutes and the reception of a commission in favor of Mr. Walter Brown, as representative Elder from the session of St. John's Church, St. John, the Presbytery proceeded to consider the resignation of Mr. Salmon, which had been laid on the table at the last meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Salmon reported that he had, in accordance with the instructions of Presbytery, duly cited the congregation. There appeared as commissioners from the congregation, Messieurs Francis Baird, Wm. McAllister, Thomas Christie and William Fowler. The Presbytery having had a lengthened conference with the commissioners and congregation, it was ascertained that no definite action had been taken to ascertain what the Congregation was able and willing to do for the support of the pastor, nor yet had any expression of opinion been obtained from the congregation, as a whole, in reference to the resignation of Mr. Salmon. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Bonnet, seconded by Dr. Waters, it was agreed that Mr. Salmon's resignation be laid on the table until a meeting