

and Walton, with the adjoining stations, to be a congregation in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces. On motion, it was further agreed to recommend the newly formed congregation of Kempt to the Supplementary Committee for a grant of \$120 for two years.

Petitions for moderation were read from Poplar Grove, from Kempt and from West Cornwallis. Rev. John Forrest was appointed to preach and moderate in a call in Poplar Grove congregation, on the 1st day of April, at 7 o'clock, P.M. Messrs. Gordon and McLeod have been appointed to perform the same duty in the other two congregations, on the first Tuesday of April, at 11 o'clock, A. M., the former in West Cornwallis, and the latter in Kempt.

Mr. Garvie was appointed to supply Kempt and Walton till the next meeting of Presbytery.

On motion, it was agreed to apply to the Home Mission Board for the services of Mr. Joseph Hogg, for Cornwallis for three months from the first of April. Adjourned to meet in Chalmers Church, Halifax, on Wednesday, 15th April at 11 o'clock A. M.

JOHN McLEOD' *Phy. Clerk.*

Presbytery of St. John.

On Thursday, the 12th March, the Presbytery of St. John met at the new Church, Salt-springs, and was constituted at 2 o'clock, p. m., by the Rev. James Bennet, moderator. There were present, the Rev. Messrs. Bennet, A. Donald, Lewis Jack, James Gray and N. McKay, ministers; and Mr. Greenlow, elder. After the reading and approval of the minutes of last meeting, the Rev. T. Cumming and Rev. J. D. Murray were associated with the Presbytery as corresponding members. The committee appointed to receive and report upon the trials prescribed to Mr. Fraser by the Presbytery, gave in their report, expressing their entire approval of the manner in which Mr. Fraser had acquitted himself before them in all the trials prescribed. On motion the report of the committee was adopted by the Presbytery. Mr. Donald then returned the edict for the ordination of Mr. Fraser duly attested. The usual intimation was then made, giving an opportunity to any person who had any objection to urge against the ordination and induction proposed, to lay such objection before the Presbytery. No objection having been offered, the moderator preached a very able and eloquent sermon from 1 Cor. xiii. 13; no sketch that could be given could do justice to that sermon. He then narrated the steps taken by the Presbytery in connexion with the settlement of a minister in this congregation, after which he put to Mr. Fraser the questions of the formula, and

Mr. Fraser was then ordained, by prayer and the imposition of hands, to the work of the christian ministry, and to the pastoral charge of the joint congregation of Salt-springs and Golding Grove. The Rev. James Gray then addressed the newly ordained minister in respect to the duties and responsibilities of the office he had assumed. His address was couched in simple phrase, full of fraternal feeling, and dealt with the elements of success in ruling a church and feeding the flock—both the sheep and the lambs. Much valuable counsel was compressed in a few earnest words. Mr. Jack followed in a vigorous and practical address to the congregation. His remarks were based upon 2 Thes. iii. 1. It gave special prominence to the duty of the Church to pray for its minister, and urged the duty with impressive reference to the coming day of account; and closed with an earnest appeal to the audience to accept Christ, and thus become possessed of the privileges he offers. After prayer and praise the congregation was dismissed, and the people, as they retired, welcomed their pastor by giving him the right hand. Mr. Fraser having expressed his willingness to subscribe the formula when requested to do so, his name was added to the roll of Presbytery, and he took his seat as a member of court. The Presbytery greatly rejoice at this hopeful start of this newly organized congregation under the ministrations of their chosen pastor; and trust that by the blessing of God the duties involved in their mutual relations may be faithfully and successfully discharged.

Mr. Greenlow laid before the Presbytery a subscription list from the adherents of one Church of Lower Norton, containing the names of twenty-four persons, and promising payment of \$88, in case services are resumed in the Lower Norton Church. Mr. Greenlow verbally stated that the people of Lower Norton are very desirous that Mr. Gray, whose resignation of this section of his charge was accepted at last meeting of Presbytery, he directed to resume his ministrations at Lower Norton. The Presbytery felt surprised that this action had not been taken previously to last meeting of Presbytery, to prevent Mr. Gray's resignation from taking effect; and inasmuch as the papers laid before the Presbytery do not with sufficient distinctness request a continuance of Mr. Gray's services, the Presbytery considered it due to Mr. Gray to request the people of Lower Norton to bring formally before the Presbytery their desire, to have the late relations between themselves and Mr. Gray revived. Meanwhile it was agreed to grant them such supplies as might be found practicable.

The Moderator reported that the people of Pisarinco, who had formerly been sup-