

sion, and himself to confer with the congregation with reference to provision for supply and other matters connected with its prosperity.

Mr. Stewart and Mr. McLeod were also appointed to preach at Saltspings at their convenience some time during the present month, the intimation of the time to be given by themselves.

Dr. Patterson, on behalf of the committee appointed to draw up a suitable minute with reference to the late Mr. Walker, submitted the following which was adopted.

"The Presbytery in removing from their roll the name of their venerable and beloved father, Rev. George Walker, would place upon their records an expression of their sense of his personal excellence, and of his service to the Church.

He was born at Greenock on the 15th of Sept. 1804, and studied at Glasgow University, and Secession Hall. After teaching successfully for some years at different places, he was licensed by the Presbytery of Falkirk, ordained at Muirkirk in 1838, where he laboured for about three years and a half, when he was called to Johushaven, Presbytery of Arbroath, July 18th 1842, in which place he laboured for about six years.

In these places his ministry was highly appreciated and blessed. But in consequence of earnest appeals from this Province for ministerial labour, he resolved to cast in his lot with the Church here, and arrived at Pictou in May 1848. On Sept. 20th of that year, he was inducted pastor of the congregation recently organized and subsequently known as Primitive Church. In this congregation he laboured till 1874, during which time the congregation increased and flourished. But in that year a fire having destroyed their church which had just been enlarged, a union was formed with the congregation of Knox Church, of which he continued pastor till Nov. 6th 1877, when he resigned the active work of the ministry, retaining the position of Pastor Emeritus. During all the time of Mr. Walker's connection with this Church, his intercourse with his brethren was characterized by the spirit of brotherly love, and was thus uniformly pleasant and profitable. As a member of Presbytery he was punctual in his attendance upon its meetings, attentive to its business, and always ready to bear his share of the labours devolving upon him in that capacity, which for some time were unusually heavy, involving travel over the whole field from New Annan to Mabou, while in addition he

served for several years as Presbytery clerk.

In the general work of the Church, he took a lively interest; to all her Schemes he gave his best advocacy, and in her Committees, as he was called he freely rendered of his time and best thought to promote their success.

The Presbytery feel it their duty specially to recognize the superior qualifications which he manifested as a pastor. His preaching was the result of careful labour. All his sermons were imbued with the Spirit of the Cross, and in style were practical and pointed. His manner was fervent and impressive, so that it might be said that he "so spoke that a multitude believed." The more private portions of the pastoral work he discharged diligently, not as duty to which he was bound, but as a pleasure to which he was drawn by all the impulses of his heart. In his intercourse with the people of his charge, his genial warm hearted manner, his deep Christian sympathy and his skill in dividing the word of truth rendered him to each and all the faithful pastor, the devoted Christian, and the true personal friend, while beyond his congregation he won the heartfelt esteem and affection of all classes in the community.

The Presbytery would record their devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the long years of active service which he was permitted to render, for the old age in which he was still enabled to bring forth fruit, by occasional ministerial services, and by the light which his mellowed Christian character shed around him, and for his calm and peaceful end in which he glorified God by his death, and for the evidence around us that while he now rests from his labours, his works do follow him."

The Presbytery agreed to apply to the H. M. Board for two Catechists to labour within the bounds for the summer.

Dr. Patterson was appointed to supply Stellarton, and Mr. Ferry, Antigonish on Sabbath the 9th inst. Further arrangements were left to the Committee on supply.

Read a letter from Dr. Reid intimating that only six congregations within the bounds of this Presbytery had remitted contributions to the Assembly Fund for the current year. It was agreed to bring the matter to the notice of the Sessions and to request that each Session which has not yet contributed should forward a contribution at their earliest convenience.

The Presbytery closed to meet again at