

correctness of their opinion. The salary of this large, wealthy and prosperous congregation is below the minimum fixed by the Synod to be paid by the smallest and weakest congregations in the church; it is from \$400 to \$500 below the sum assigned to this congregation in the Presbytery's stipend scheme. A word might be said respecting arrears, we believe old arrears, but we spare the feelings of parties. We would simply say, the older a debt, the larger the amount of interest, and the greater the need of a speedy settlement of the whole.

Printed copies of the Presbytery's Stipend Scheme were given out to be distributed among the families and contributors of the several congregations. It is intended at next meeting to appoint committees to meet with sessions, board of managers, and congregations, with the view of the scheme being adopted and acted on throughout the Presbytery.

Next meeting is appointed to be held at Great Village.

On the second Tuesday of October, at 11 o'clock, A. M., it was agreed to have a Convention of all the Elders within the bounds of the Presbytery in connection with this meeting. The two Londonderry Ministers and their representative Elders were appointed a committee to draw out a programme of the meeting, and make other necessary arrangements. The committee met last week, and, among other things, made the following appointments:

Sermon.—Rev. James Sinclair.

The Moderator explains the nature and design of the Convention.

Addresses.—I. Subject—The divine authority of the eldership—Rev. J. Currie. II. The duties of the eldership—Mr. F. Blanchard, Elder. III. The responsibilities of the eldership—Rev. J. D. McGillivray. IV. The zeal necessary in the eldership—Mr. J. B. Dickie, Elder. V. The rewards of the eldership—Hon. Samuel Creelman, Elder. Addresses limited to twenty minutes each. A conversation or short addresses during one hour, opened by the two Elders in the committee; Elders speaking not longer than ten minutes, and Ministers not longer than five minutes each.

Concluding Address.—Subject—The account to which this meeting may be turned by the Elders present—The Moderator.

Sessions are requested to notify the Clerk at their earliest convenience of the number of Elders, from each, intending to be present.

The parties selected to officiate will please attend to their several appointments. If any cannot fulfil their appointments, they will much oblige by giving timely notice, that substitutes may be appointed.

A. P. WYLLIE, Clerk.

Meeting of St. Stephen Presbytery.—The Organ Question.

The Presbytery of St. Stephen met in the Presbyterian Church, yesterday, Wednesday, at 11 a. m., and amongst other business, passed the appended resolution, anent the use of Instrumental music in said church. The Rev. P. G. McGregor of Halifax, Rev. Isaac Murray of Prince Edward Island, and Rev. Neil Mackay of St. John, appeared as assessors, and severally explained the mission on which they had come. It was not to deal harshly or suddenly to compel the congregation to dispense with the instrument, but to inquire into the meaning of a resolution passed at the congregational meeting last year, which had come under the notice of the Synod, and which seemed like a defiance of the Synod's authority in the premises.—They felt that the motives of the Synod had been misconstrued in the public prints and elsewhere. It had no desire to act hastily or unreasonably in the matter, but wished to approach the solution of the difficulty in a spirit of affection and brotherly love. The Synod did not wish to exercise its authority in a dogmatical way, but in a kind and paternal manner.—Whilst holding very decided views against the introduction of instrumental music, they could sympathise with the peculiar circumstances of the St. Stephen congregation, and their desire was to bring its worship into harmony with the general practice of the church.

Judge Stevens, who appeared as the representative of the Congregation, explained that the melodeon was only retained from necessity, that every effort had been made towards improving the singing, and that still the instrument, in the opinion of the congregation, could not be dispensed with. That the congregation entertained no feeling of insubordination to the authority of the Synod, that on the contrary it would bow to the decision of the superior Courts, and that if those decisions in the view of the Congregation were oppressive or detrimental to its unity or prosperity, it had the alternative as a last resort, however unwilling, of seceding from the connection.

We are bound to say that the delegation discharged their duty in the kindest and most considerate manner, and the utmost harmony prevailed in the meeting. The following resolution, already referred to, was moved by Judge Stevens and seconded by Rev. Isaac Murray.

"Whereas in reference to the minutes of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, under date of July 1st last past, the Saint Stephen Presbytery was appointed