

to be faithfully and diligently discharging the duties of their respective offices. Sabbath schools, Bible classes and prayer meetings are regularly attended to by the minister and his elders. There are four Sabbath schools, the principal one being held in the church—25 teachers, 170 pupils, and 300 vols. in the Library.

The congregation pay their minister \$600 a year stipend, pay his annual rate of \$20 to the Widow's Fund, and have built for him a commodious and comfortable manse, which has cost \$2080. They have also built a church which has cost \$2800, and which is now free of debt, and they liberally contribute to all the schemes of the church. It is only three years since this congregation has been organized, and the Presbytery have good reason to be highly gratified with the prosperous condition which it exhibits.

The Presbytery agreed to hold its next meeting in John Knox's Church, New Glasgow on the 23rd inst. at 11 A. M., for visitation—for considering the Rules of Procedure, and for ordinary business. Mr. Sinclair to preach.

JOHN MACKINNON, *Clerk.*

Presbytery of St. John

This Presbytery met in the city of St. John on March 10th, 1869. There were present, Rev. J. D. Murray, Moderator, and Revds. James Bennet, James Gray, Samuel Houston and N. McKay, ministers, with Mr. John Stewart, ruling elder. After reading and approval of the minutes, Rev. James Bennet reported that the people of Carlton Presbyterian Church have paid the balances due on account of the services of Messrs. Cumming and Chase, and that he expects that something may be obtained to meet the claim of Rev. D. G. Cameron. The report was received with pleasure, and the diligence of Mr. Bennet cordially approved. A communication from the Rev. S. Fraser was read, relating to balances for stipend and missionary service due to him by the people of Salt Springs and Golden Grove. The clerk was instructed to correspond with the parties, urging them to settle these claims as speedily as possible. The moderator reported that Mr. J. K. Bearisto is at present within our bounds, and willing to receive appointments for a short time. The Presbytery appointed him to preach at Hammond River and Golden Grove on next Sabbath, and at Salt Springs and Lower Horton on the following Sabbath, and to distribute his services, as most convenient, between these stations until further notice. The Presbytery, on motion, resolved to take up the remits of Synod, for consideration, at the next meeting of Presbytery.

A communication from the Secretary of the Home Mission Board was read, expressing the regret of the Board at their inability to furnish labourers for the supply of vacant stations within our bounds, and promising the services of a young man at the close of the Session of the Hall. The Presbytery, grateful for the earnest attention of the Board, look forward to the proposed appointment as a means of supplying Carlton Presbyterian Church.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Carlton Presbyterian Church on the first Tuesday of May, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

N. McKay, *Clerk.*

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met on the 24th ult., in the basement of Queen Square Church, Charlottetown.

Mr. R. Cumming under call to Lot 14, delivered part of his trials for ordination, which were unanimously and heartily sustained. A committee consisting of the Revds. R. S. Patterson, A. Fraser, R. Laird, W. R. Frame and W. Stuart, were appointed to meet with Mr. Cumming at Lot 14, on Monday the 15th March, at 7 o'clock, p. m., in order to receive the remaining trials and report to Presbytery to meet on the following day for the ordination.

Entered upon the consideration of Rev. W. Ross's demission, when Messrs. D. Farquharson and John McLean appeared as Commissioners in behalf of the West River section of the congregation, and Messrs. D. Campbell and W. Henderson from Brookfield. These Commissioners having been heard, represented both sections of the congregation as anxious to retain the services of their pastor, but regretting their inability to provide for him a suitable maintenance. It having been stated that the Granville section of St. John's congregation, New London, was desirous of securing a part of Mr. Ross's services, it was resolved to allow the demission still to lie on the table, and that a committee be appointed to visit both sections of Mr. Ross's congregation, and confer with them, in reference to such an arrangement; and that the people of Granville be instructed to take steps in this matter and report at next meeting of Presbytery. The Rev. A. Campbell was appointed to meet with the Granville section on Monday the 8th March, at 11 o'clock, a. m. The Revds. A. Campbell and A. Cameron were appointed as the committee previously mentioned to meet at Brookfield on Wednesday, the 3rd March, at 6 o'clock, p. m., and at West River on Thursday, the 4th March, at the same hour. A report was read from Rev. R. Laird, stating that he