

the recommendation given at last ordinary meeting to report as to the tenure of Church Property. Mr. Black was instructed to make enquiries into the tenure and present state of the Church Property at St. Eustache and to report at next ordinary meeting.

The Court requests that all deeds or authorized copies of deeds of Church Property within their bounds be placed in the hands of the Clerk at next ordinary meeting for the purpose of being copied into a separate book.

To consider the overtures on the calling and settling of Ministers and on the representation of the Eldership the following Committee is appointed, with instructions to report at next ordinary meeting, viz. Dr. Mathieson, Messrs. Simpson, Snodgrass, Morris and Greenshields; Mr. Snodgrass, *Convener*.

A report from the Committee on Supplies was read, bearing that they met in Montreal on Sept. 9, when the Rev. James Wilson, ordained Missionary designated to this Presbytery by the Colonial Committee, appeared and received appointments for the months of Sept. and Oct. Mr. Wilson being present laid on the table his commission from the Colonial Committee, of date 12th August last, which having been read Mr. Wilson was cordially welcomed by the Presbytery and received as a Missionary within the bounds.

Mr. Patterson reported that in fulfilment of instructions he had received from the Committee on Supplies, he had visited Acton and also Durham in the same neighbourhood. The Presbytery, having heard Mr. Patterson's statements, are satisfied of the importance of Acton and the neighbourhood as a mission-field, request Mr. Patterson to put his report in a written form, and recommend the Committee on Supplies to consider the practicability of a home mission effort for this and other adjacent localities: to report at next ordinary meeting.

A commission from the Kirk Session of St. Andrew's, Montreal, in favour of Mr. Alexander Morris, to be their Representative Elder, was read and sustained. Mr. Morris took his seat as member of the Court.

The Committee, appointed to consider the report of Mr. Black on the mission-station of Point St. Charles and the district of St. Joseph Street, gave in a report, recommending that Point St. Charles be regarded and dealt with as a separate station which ought to be supplied with regular service until erected into a congregation; and, with reference to St. Joseph Street, that Mr. Wilson be appointed, if agreeable to his views, to give service in the district, and to ascertain what materials there may be for the formation of a congregation.

Mr. Black reported that he had dispensed the Communion at Point St. Charles on

the 1st Sept. to 49 communicants, 7 of these communicating for the first time.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the G. A. Colonial Committee, of date 19th Sept., intimating that the Committee have agreed, in compliance with the request of the Presbytery, to allow £40 stg. as supplement to the salary of the Rev. Mr. Black, Chatham, for the year ending 1st Sept., 1862, on the understanding that immediate steps be taken by the congregation relative to a manse and glebe.

The Clerk is instructed to convey to the Colonial Committee the cordial thanks of the Presbytery for their prompt and favourable answer, and further for their consideration in sending out so able a Missionary as Mr. Wilson.

A letter from Mr. William Darrach, licentiate, requesting to be admitted as Probationer within the bounds, was read together with extract Minute of his license by the Presbytery of Quebec. Mr. Darrach, being present, was requested to engage in prayer and deliver a discourse, which having done, he was received as Probationer within the bounds.

Mr. Snodgrass introduced to the Court Messrs. Thos. Cuthbert and John Forrester, a Deputation from the congregation assembling in the chapel, now called "St. Matthew's Chapel," Point St. Charles. He at the same time produced and read an Extract Minute of the proceedings at a general meeting of the members and adherents of the said church, held in the church on 23rd Oct., when resolutions were passed to the effect that the meeting approve and adopt the model constitution of new churches adopted by the Synod, Sep. 1847, and, having the assurance that a sum adequate to the payment of a minister's stipend will be afforded by their funds—that a memorial be addressed to the Presbytery expressing their desire and prayer to be admitted as a congregation under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery, and further praying that, in the event of their request being granted, the Presbytery would take steps for moderating in a call to the Rev. Wm. Darrach, who has repeatedly officiated in their hearing. The memorial was signed by 57 heads of families besides 12 males above 21 years of age, and also the title-deeds of the chapel with plan of the site were produced.

On the motion of Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Black, it was granted that the first part of the memorial be granted, to wit: that the memorialists be received as a congregation within the bounds of this Presbytery. In order to give effect to the second part of the memorial, the Court resolved to appoint Dr. Mathieson, Messrs. Snodgrass, Morris and Greenshields, assessors, to meet on Wednesday next (13th Nov.) at 7.30 P. M. in St. Matthew's Church, to consult with the male heads of families resident at Point St. Charles, and connected with the congregation there,

and the selection of at least two fit persons to act as elders, and to proceed with their ordination according to the laws of the Church: Mr. Cameron to preach at Point St. Charles, and give intimation of the same on Sabbath first (10th Nov.).

The following appointments were made for the supply of vacant pulpits: For La Prairie, Mr. Wilson to preach on Nov. 10; for Ormstown, Dr. Muir on Nov. 24; Mr. Wallace on Dec. 8; Mr. Patterson on Dec. 22; and Mr. Masson on some Sabbath in January, 1862.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Committee on Supplies, Mr. Wilson was appointed to labour in St. Joseph Street after Sabbath first.

Mr. Snodgrass undertook to do his endeavour to visit Acton some Sabbath in December.

A requisition signed by the elders and managers of the church at Dundee was given in and read, praying that the Presbytery would take steps to moderate in a call in favour of the Rev. John Cameron, M. A., to be their minister. The Court resolved to meet in the church at Dundee on Wednesday the 4th Dec. at 2 o'clock, P. M., to moderate in a call agreeably to the terms of the requisition, with power to proceed in the matter according to the laws of the Church, as also to take up any other business that may occur; Mr. Snodgrass to preach and preside on the occasion; Mr. Simpson to serve the edict of moderation on Sabbath, 17th Nov.; Mr. Cameron undertaking to supply Mr. Simpson's pulpit.

Order was given that Session Records be produced for examination at next ordinary meeting, which is to be held on the first Wednesday of February at the usual place and hour.

## THE CHURCH IN THE LOWER PROVINCES.

The Colonial Committee have received the following among many other interesting communications from Nova Scotia:

MY DEAR SIR,—Three months after my arrival in Nova Scotia I accepted a call from West Branch and East River congregations in the county of Pictou; since which time I have been labouring as a settled minister. For the first 3 months after our return Messrs. Grant, Cameron, McMillan and myself laboured as missionaries over the whole bounds of this Presbytery, preaching at every station. Everywhere we met with the greatest kindness and were often pleased to witness the deep and unwavering attachment of our people to the Church of their fathers. Many of them have had no regular ministrations among them since the Secession of 1843. Notwithstanding this they have joined themselves to no other communion but still remain a ever members of their much loved Church of Scotland and earnestly hope at some day not far distant to have permanently placed over them ministers of our Church. The congregations of Barney's River and Lochaber are particularly interesting. They are for the most part composed of Highlanders and are extremely anxious to have the ministrations of a Gaelic-speaking minis-