

moral and mental degradation down even to the untutored savage. And when we see and hear of such mighty and extended movements of the Holy Spirit upon the minds of men in leading them to Christ, when God is thus visiting varied portions of our earth with showers of revival, what conclusion do we arrive at? What do all these facts force upon us—but this truth, that the field which is the world is now white and ready for the harvest? Is it not a matter of joyfulness and should it not gladden the hearts of God's people when they hear and see such manifestations of the Spirit's power as we now witness in our day? Let us then rejoice when we thus see the Spirit moving among men, and when we see the world on the eve of events which shall forever signalize the triumphs of Jesus over all his foes and make his church the joy and glory of all the earth; and let each congregation within the bounds of our Synod send up their fervent supplications to the God of Heaven that he would visit them with times of reviving. D.

Presbytery Minutes.

Presbytery of Miramichi.

NEWCASTLE MANSE,
Nov. 1st, 1871.

Which time and place the Presbytery met according to adjournment. Sederrunt, the Rev. Messrs. Macdonald, Wilson, Russell, Missionary, and Mr. Falconer, Elder.

Having been constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the minutes of last regular meeting were read and sustained, also the minutes of *pro re nata* meeting appointing the moderating in of a call to Rev. John Robertson ordained missionary, at present laboring in the charges of Tabusintac and Burnt Church. Also, minutes of adjourned *pro re nata* meeting held at Tabusintac to moderate in said call, were read and sustained.

The Presbyterian call signed by all the Trustees, Elders, Communicants and Adherents, in presence of the Presbytery was laid on the table, whereupon it was resolved and agreed upon to sustain said

call, and to appoint Wednesday, the 15th day of November current, as the day on which the Presbytery will meet in St. Andrew's Church, Tabusintac, to induct the said Rev. John Robertson into said charge. An Edict to that effect to be served on the two congregations by the Rev. Mr. Robertson. Rev. Finlay R. Macdonald was appointed to preach and preside and induct, and the Rev. W. N. Wilson to address the people, it being understood that if the roads and weather do not permit the Presbytery will not meet on that day, but on another to be afterwards named by the Moderator.

The reports of the Committee appointed to visit Black River and Red Bank were given in, from which it appeared that there is no difficulty in raising in these places the amount required to make up the missionary's salary of \$400; that collectors had been appointed in Black River, and the amount was already subscribed, and in Red Bank the people had subscribed over the amount required. The Presbytery was very much pleased to receive such favorable reports, and having thanked the Committee they were discharged.

Mr. S. Russell, missionary reported verbally that he preaches alternate Sabbaths at Black River and Red Bank, and also in school houses in the adjoining districts in the afternoons of each Sabbath. The attendance at church in both places is very large. The school houses are also crowded. The people appear to appreciate very much the stated services, and exhibit a deep interest in spiritual matters. He has visited in both districts nearly all the people. In each house he generally has religious exercises which consist of reading the Scriptures, exhortation and prayer. He further stated that great necessity existed for the appointment of Elders in both places.

The Presbytery was very much gratified to hear such an excellent account of the labors of Mr. Russell, and trusted that the good work begun so favorably will go on and prosper, and that the cause of Christ will advance in these places more and more.

The Moderator stated that he had called a *pro re nata* meeting of Presby-