

proved style of architecture now becoming common through the church, and that would be creditable to the Protestant cause there, adding that he was authorized to state that in the event of this proposal being taken up unitedly and earnestly by the congregation there was one member of the congregation, who would contribute £100, as his share of the expense. We hope to hear that this measure has been entered into heartily. At present, the building in which the congregation worship, in its appearance &c. is such as to reflect upon the Protestantism of the place, and if not already, will soon be too small for their accommodation. If they cannot build one to compare in size, with the buildings of their Romanist neighbours, they should at least have one that would be tasteful and comfortable. Such a building would raise the character of the congregation, promote its prosperity, and advocate the credit of our common Protestantism, "Go up to the Mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord. Ye looked for much, and lo, it came too little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man to his own house."

After the ordination, the managers attended and paid over to Mr. Downie the first quarter's salary. The above settlement we regard with deep interest. Mr. Downie's congregation is an advanced post of Protestantism, and is a light shining in a dark place. From the harmony and cordiality of the invitation addressed to him by the people there to be their pastor, and the spirit generally prevalent through the congregation, we anticipate the happiest results from the union now formed. That the great Head of the Church may abundantly bless his labors, will be the prayer of sincere Protestants of every name.

In the afternoon, the Presbytery met for ordinary business. The following were the most important items. A letter was read from the Rev. James Byers tendering his demission of the charge of the congregation of Tatamagouche. The Rev. James Watson was appointed to exchange with him, and give intimation of this to the congregation and summon them to appear by commissioners at the next meeting of Presbytery.

A petition was presented from the congregation of River John, praying the Presbytery to appoint one of their number to moderate in a call to one, to be their pastor. From the statements made in the petition, as well as the information afforded by the commissioners who met the Presbytery on the following day at New Glasgow, it appeared that the congregation were united and cordial in this application—that they are at present prepared to pledge themselves to pay annually the sum of £120, to the pastor. They are also preparing to build a manse, and should the blessing of the great Head of the church rest upon them, it is hoped that they will be able to increase their premises. The Presbytery unanimously and cordially granted the application, and appointed the Rev. George Roddick to moderate in said call on Monday, 12th December.

The subject of union with the Free Church was taken up. The basis of union and other papers remitted by Synod to the consideration of Presbyteries and Sessions were read. The articles of the Basis were considered *seriatim* and unanimously approved. The other points remitted, such as the name of the united body, and the formula for the admission of ministers from other bodies, were also considered, and all the proposals sent down by the court were approved of.

A letter was read from the Convener of the committee on union requesting that reports of Sessions on the union be forwarded to that committee before the first of January next. The ministers present were directed to bring the matter before the Sessions of their respective congregations, and forward their reports as requested, and the clerk was instructed to notify the same to the other Sessions within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Another letter from the Convener of same Committee was also read, asking information regarding the tenure by which congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery hold their church property. Each of the ministers of the Presbytery was directed to obtain the information as to their respective churches, and forward the same as early as possible to the Rev. James Bayne.

The Presbytery in accordance with the injunction of Synod entered upon the consideration of the subject of