

people, regarding them all as his children, and that he intended to remain with them until death or infirmity called him from his work."

The Presbytery expressed themselves as highly satisfied with the state of the congregation, and encouraged the people to go on as they were doing in the work of the Lord.

The congregation of Westville and Middle River petitioned the Presbytery to appoint one of their members to moderate in a call to one to be their pastor as soon as they could mature the necessary arrangements, and to appoint the Rev. Thomas Cumming to preach to them until such call was moderated in.

The Presbytery having taken the whole of this matter into consideration, agreed to appoint the Rev. E. A. McCurdy to preach in Carmel Church, on Tuesday, Dec. 17th, at 3 p. m., and moderate in a call, and they also agreed to transmit to the Home Mission Board the request for Mr. Cumming. The Presbytery agreed that its members refer to the tercentenary of John Knox's death in their ministrations on the 24th of this month.

The Presbytery agreed to hold their next meeting in James' Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, December 24th, at 11 a. m., for ordinary business.

The Presbytery agreed to place the following statement in reference to the late Rev. John Campbell on their Records, viz:—

"In removing from their Roll the name of the Rev. John Campbell, at the time of his decease the senior member of Presbytery engaged in pastoral work, they feel it due to place on their records an expression of their high appreciation of his character and services to the church. Assuming in the year 1837 the charge of the congregation of St. Mary's, then thinly scattered over an extent of nearly forty miles, when there were no roads fit for carriages and the people able to afford him but a very scanty support, he laboured with great energy and the utmost self-denial for a period of twenty-five years over the whole of his charge, not only preaching regularly, but annually visiting and catechising over its wide bounds. He also extended his efforts to the regions beyond, even as far as Cape Breton, in portions of which his services are still remembered with gratitude. These labours involved an amount of physical toil which the present generation can scarcely appreciate, and during the later portion of this period, were prosecuted under bodily affliction, to which any person of less determined spirit would have yielded.

The increase of population and the failure of his health rendered some abatement of his labours necessary, and for the last ten

years his labours were confined to Sherbrooke, which, numbering only 14 members at the time of his ordination, has now 243 names in its communion roll.

Mr. Campbell possessed a clear understanding and strong original powers of thought. He was also, according to his opportunities, a diligent student, particularly in Theology.

In his discourses he laboured especially for the instruction of his people, exhibiting the great doctrines of Scripture in the plainest language, and with such pointed application as by manifestation of the truth to commend himself to every man's conscience in the sight of God. In his private pastoral work he was diligent and faithful, exhibiting both tenderness and skill in adapting his ministrations to the varied circumstances of the members of his flock, so that in this part of ministerial duty he was much beloved and, we have reason to believe, eminently blessed.

In addition, Mr. C. also devoted much attention to the educational and social interests of the community, so that, in a large measure, as the result of his labours in these various ways, while the district advanced externally, it was his privilege to see its population advance in intelligence, morality and religion, so that he left it in a state to stand comparison with any portion of the church.

Mr. C. also took a deep interest in all the efforts of the church to which he belonged, as well as in the cause of God throughout the world. From the commencement of his ministry, even when his own stipend was inadequately and imperfectly paid, he engaged his congregation to contribute according to their means to all the schemes of the Church, as well as to the Bible Society and other efforts of a general kind, himself always setting an example of liberality, so that they learned to abound in this grace also.

We may add that, in private, Mr. C. was an agreeable companion, a loving brother, and a true-hearted friend.

For many years he was severely tried by often and painful infirmities, but these afterward yielded the peaceable fruits of righteousness, until his character exhibited a mellowed ripeness for the heavenly world, and the good Master said, "Go up higher," so that now "He rests from his labours and his works do follow him."

JOHN MCKINNON, Clerk

Presbytery of St. John.

This Presbytery met on the 5th ult. An elaborate report of the Presbytery's Home Mission work was read by Rev. S. Houston, and approved. Mr. A. F. Thomson declined a call from Pisarino, Nerepis and