

Tuesday, Jan. 18th, 1870, with the view of remaining in session, during that and the following day.

A. L. WYLIE, *Clerk.*

Presbytery of St. John.

The Presbytery of St. John met in the school-room of St. David's Church, on Tuesday, the 7th December, at 11 A. M.

Mr. McKay reported that he had preached at Central Norton, as appointed, and after he had brought before the congregation the importance of connecting themselves with some of the surrounding stations in order to provide regular supply of ordinances, a resolution was unanimously adopted expressing their willingness to be associated with Salt Springs, on condition that they receive a monthly service at the Church and a monthly evening service at the Hampton Ferry. Mr. McKay's report was received and his diligence approved, and without pronouncing upon the application of Central Norton to be connected with Salt Springs, the Presbytery adjourned, to meet at the same place at 3 o'clock, P. M.

A memorial was read from the Presbyterian congregation of Buétouche praying to be associated with stations within the bounds of the Presbytery of St. John, in order to support religious ordinances. The memorial was received and laid on the table until communication is had with the Presbytery of Miramichi and the Home Mission Board in respect to the arrangements which it contemplates.

An application was also presented from the Carleton Presbyterian Church, asking that steps be taken to have the Lord's Supper dispensed in that Church; whereupon it was agreed to appoint the Rev. N. McKay, and Mr. Robert Milligan as assessors with Rev. Jas. Bennet in constituting a session in Carleton and arranging for the dispensation of the Lord's Supper if they see cause.

The petition of Central Norton was then taken up. Mr. Bearisto was heard in reference to the proposed arrangement, and intimated that he could not enter into any engagements that would devolve more work upon him than he was at present attempting. After lengthened conference Messrs. Houston, and McKay were appointed a delegation to visit both Norton and Golden Grove, with the object of affecting such arrangements as may give some stated supply to Norton without increasing the labours of Mr. Bearisto.

On motion Messrs. Bennet, Houston, and McKay, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for securing a Presbytery fund to defray the necessary ex-

penses connected with the business of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet in the same place on the first Wednesday in January, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

OBITUARY.

Died, at Cascumpeque Village, P. E. I., on the 15th Nov., Mr. ROBERT GORDON, in the 84th year of his age.

The late Mr. Gordon was a native of Prince Edward Island and one of its oldest inhabitants. He was known as a truthful, honest man and an humble Christian, and he died as he lived trusting in Jesus.

He was among the earliest settlers in Cascumpeque, and when the Presbyterians there had increased to 12 families, they set about and succeeded in building a house in which to meet and worship God. We need scarcely say that our departed friend was active in this movement.

In 1834 the little band was formed into a congregation, and Robert Gordon was ordained one of the first elders by the late Dr. Keir. His services as a spiritual officer-bearer have thus been enjoyed, and we can say highly appreciated for 35 years.

Unassuming and unobtrusive in the Church, as well as in society, he yet felt a deep interest and took an active part in all movements for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ; and lived to see the little band of worshippers in Cascumpeque become a large congregation and furnish three Gordons for the Christian ministry, two of these going to the New Hebrides, and the third, his own son, the minister of Bridgetown and Annapolis.

He cordially welcomed ministers and missionaries to his house, as many besides the writer of these lines can testify; and we know that he and his surviving partner have often declared that they never were losers by their hospitality. Many have expressed the deep interest with which they joined in the exercise of family worship, as conducted by Mr. Gordon and heartily joined in by his family. The singing of psalms formed a principal part of the joyful service; and on his death bed, the psalms were quoted by him continually, and were sources of comfort and spiritual refreshment to his soul.

His last attendance on public worship was on Communion Sabbath. On that interesting and solemn day he appeared lively and well, and manifestly enjoyed communion with his Saviour and brethren. On the following Tuesday, he was taken ill, and on the Friday of next week, he passed to his eternal rest. He had some sharp sufferings, which he bore with Christian submission to the Divine will. His faculties continued unimpaired to the