

opinion in the business; but expressed confidence in the committee, believing that they will do what is best in the matter.—The Rev. John Forrest having entered at this stage of the proceedings, he was cordially invited to sit as a corresponding member.—The Rev. Mr. Fraser then laid upon the table a communication, tendering his resignation of his charge at Salt Springs and Golden Grove. On motion the tender of resignation was laid upon the table, and arrangements were made for the purpose of summoning the congregation to appear for their interest at the next meeting of Presbytery—which was appointed to take place in St. David's Church, St. John, on the 3rd Tuesday of December, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

On Tuesday, the 15th December, at 2 o'clock, p.m., the Presbytery of St. John met and was constituted. There were present Rev. J. D. Murray, Moderator, together with Revs. James Bennet, Lewis Jack, James Gray, Simon Fraser, and N. McKay, ministers, and Mr. Geo. Hutchinson, ruling elder. After reading of the minutes a commission was presented and sustained in favor of Mr. John Stewart, ruling elder from St. David's Church, St. John, who accordingly took his seat as a member of Court.

Mr. Fraser reported that the people of Salt Springs had been duly notified, according to the Presbytery's orders, to appear for their interests at this meeting. Mr. Bennet stated that he had preached at Golden Grove on the 5th inst., and attended to the duties assigned to him. Mr. Fraser's letter tendering his demission was then read, and he was heard, and reaffirmed his resolution to demit. No commissioners appeared from either section of the congregation. After lengthened deliberation, it was moved, by the Rev. James Bennet, seconded, and unanimously agreed: "That although there is a prospect of the full payment of the sums promised by the two congregations, yet inasmuch as the sums that can be raised in these sections are insufficient for the support of a minister, and as it is desirable to unite Hammond River and Lower Norton with them—which is not likely to be effected under present circumstances—the Presbytery, while regretting the removal of a brother who is in the enjoyment of the full confidence of this Court, deem it nevertheless their duty to accept Mr. Fraser's demission, specially with a view to the formation of the four stations into one congregation, Mr. Fraser's resignation to make effect at the end of the current month." The Clerk was authorized to furnish Mr. Fraser with certificates when applied for, and to fur-

nish Mr. Fraser with a statement of the action of the Presbytery in his case, to be read by him to the congregation of Salt Springs and Golden Grove.

A communication from the Rev. William McClure, Convener of the Colonial Mission of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, was read, certifying the appointment of Mr. Samuel Houston, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Ballymena, as an accredited missionary to New Brunswick. The Presbytery cordially welcomed Mr. Houston as an additional labourer among them, agreed to give him every assistance in their power in his labours, and hope and pray that the blessing of the Head of the Church may attend him in his work. (Mr. Houston, who has come to New Brunswick at the invitation of Calvin Church, St. John, is about to be ordained as pastor of that Church.)

Mr. Robert Wood, elder, from Hammond River, and Mr. Alexander Stewart, elder for Calvin Church, entered at this stage, and took their seats.

A narration of proceedings in Calvin Church relative to the invitation to Mr. Houston was presented, and with it a request that the Presbytery, at the earliest possible date, grant moderation in call. On motion, the request was granted, and Mr. McKay was instructed to exchange with Mr. Houston on next Lord's day, and make intimation that the Presbytery would meet in Calvin Church on Wednesday evening, the 30th inst., at 7½ o'clock, and moderate in call, Mr. Bennet to preach and preside on the occasion.

The Rev. James Gray brought before the Presbytery the desirableness of stimulating in some way the liberality of our people in supporting the general schemes of the Church. After lengthened conference a committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Bennet and McKay, with three Presbytery elders, which committee was authorized to issue collecting cards to be used within the bounds of the Presbytery, with the view of securing a liberal support, especially for the Synod's Supplementary and Home Mission schemes.

A letter from the Rev. T. Cumming was read, claiming \$95 for services in Carleton Church. The Clerk was instructed to forward the letter to the Secretary of the Home Mission Board, with explanations of the Presbytery's action in the matter to which it refers, and authorizing the payment of the amount claimed, &c., &c.—A claim was presented for \$90 by Mr. J. H. Chase, also for services in Carleton Presbyterian Church. The Clerk explained the circumstances which accidentally prevented the claim from coming before the Presbytery at last meeting. The account was approved, the Clerk directed to en-