

ings as follows:—At 10 A.M., Wednesday, March 1st, in Lunenburg, for visitation, &c., Mr. Archibald to preach. Same hour next day, at Cross Roads, Lower LaHave, Mr. Henry to preach; and at 7 P.M. the same day, at Dublin, Mr. Archibald to preach.

The congregations thus far visited by this Presbytery, are all, excepting Mahone Bay, which has only seen about one year of separate existence, very scattered charges, and have not enjoyed the benefit of much Presbyterial oversight. The result is, that their organization is somewhat imperfect, and their material considerably undeveloped. We vain hope, however, that the advantage of more frequent visitation by the Presbytery will communicate to them a stimulus, both as to organization and spiritual life. The Presbytery fondly anticipate marked progress in the development of christian grace and its material fruits, by the time of the next round of visitation.

PETER M. MORRISON, *Clerk*.

Presbytery of St. John.

The Presbytery of St. John met at Woodstock on the 18th December.

The Moderator reported that the Committee on co-operation, of the two Presbyteries of St. John, had arranged to give a fortnightly supply to Woodstock and Richmond, the services to be furnished alternately by members of the two Presbyteries, and that pursuant to this arrangement the Rev. James Bennet preached in these stations four weeks ago, and the Rev. W. Stuart 1st Sabbath.

The Presbytery proceeded to consider the demission of Rev. S. Bernard. The clerk reported that he duly notified Mr. Bernard of the appointment to consider his demission here to-day, and through him, summoned the congregation to appear for their interests. Mr. Bernard reported that notwithstanding a decided feeling of delicacy for doing so, he had by direction of his Session, read to both sections of the congregation the note furnished by the clerk—that a meeting for the purpose of appointing commissioners was to have been held at Glassville on Monday—that at Florenceville a meeting had been held last evening, and that two delegates from that section of the congregation were in court.

Messrs. James Kirkpatrick and David Semple appeared as commissioners from Florenceville, and Messrs. Lauchlan Patterson and Hugh Joiner arrived as commissioners from Glassville.

Mr. Bernard intimated his adherence to the tender of Demission expressed in his letter of Dec. 2nd, 1870. He stated that when he accepted the call the promised salary was \$280, with a guarantee of \$200

as a supplement—that for the first year he received the promised supplement, \$200, that the second year he received *no supplement*, and since that time the supplement has been only \$100, while the annual contributions of the Congregation had not reached \$200—that he would not have accepted the charge had he known the salary was to be so small, but that being there he had a delicacy in demitting it until a certain paper was handed to the Rev. Mr. Houston, who visited the congregation in Nov. last, in which paper his reputation was said to have been assailed, but of which he knew nothing personally. He now feels it to be his duty to demit his charge.

Mr. Patterson said the meeting held on Monday at Glassville, had before it the paper referred to by Mr. Bernard, and as extravagant rumors were afloat concerning it, it was deemed best to have it read. He was of opinion that it expressed the views of a majority of those present. He handed a copy of it to the Moderator which, on being read, was found to express in general terms dissatisfaction chiefly at the non-residence of the pastor. Mr. Joiner agreed with his co-delegate, and thought that in the circumstance the best course was not to oppose the demission. These Commissioners were personally attached to Mr. Bernard, and greatly regretted to lose his services.

Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Semple, the Florenceville commissioners, expressed most strongly their desire to retain the services of Mr. Bernard—their conviction that he was a man capable of doing a great deal of good, and that in fact he was now doing a great amount of good. They sincerely hoped that the present difficulties might be amicably arranged.

Inquiry of the Commissioners brought out that arrears have accumulated at Glassville, including the balance of the present year, amounting to \$171.76. At Florenceville considerable amount of arrears had accumulated, and Mr. Bernard expressed his desire to arrange with the people of that district himself.

There is no house at Glassville that the minister could rent. There is some talk of obtaining a lot of land, building upon it and cultivating it, thus securing a more liberal support, but nothing had yet been done in that direction.

The Presbytery after mature deliberation unanimously adopted the following resolution:—“The Presbytery, having heard Mr. Bernard and the Commissioners at the bar, and having considered the whole case agreed that the labours of Mr. Bernard have been very abundant and most faithful—that the accumulation of arrears at Glassville seems to have given rise to the