

The Committee on the French Mission as carried on by Mr. Pelletier, reported that the work was favourably progressing, and asked instruction and authority from the Presbytery in reference to the administration of baptism to those who might apply for it. It was agreed to authorize the Rev. Thomas Cumming to baptize the children of those French parents who might apply for this privilege, after careful examination into their religious knowledge and conduct, and on a profession of their faith. Mr. James Cumming asked the Presbytery to appoint a Moderator for the session of St. Paul's Church, E. R., when it was agreed to appoint the Rev. A. McL. Sinclair.

The following supply of preaching was appointed for that Church:

Rev. Alex. Ross, 2nd Sab. of August.

" A. McL. Sinclair, 4th Sab. of August.

It was agreed to ask each session belonging to the Presbytery to pay \$2 to the Presbytery Fund for last year, ending the last of June. Mr. E. J. Pelletier graduate of McGill College, and who had completed his Theological course at the Presbyterian Divinity Hall, Montreal, was regularly transferred to this Presbytery, by the Presbytery of Montreal, with the following trials for license assigned him, viz:—

1. A Thesis on Latin. An aliqui sit Philosophiae in Theologia usus.
2. A critical exercise. Romans iii. 24.
3. A Homily. 1 Chron. xxviii. 9-10.
4. A Lecture. Luke xxiv. 5.
5. A popular sermon. Acts xiii. 26.
6. Biblical Hebrew and Greek. Genesis chapters 43, 44 and 45. Psalm 68, and New Testament.
7. Theology. Church History 16th century. Church Government and Personal religion.

Mr. Scott to examine in Hebrew, Mr. Lees in Greek, Dr. Patterson in Theology, Mr. McCurdy on Church History, Dr. Bayne on Church Government, and Mr. Thompson on Personal religion.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of Presbytery in John Knox's Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, Sept. 21st, at 11 a. m., for ordinary business.

JOHN MACKINNON, Clerk.

Meeting of the Presbytery of St. John.

The first meeting of the Presbytery of St. John was held in Stanley Church, Montreal, on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 16. Rev. R. Wilson acted as Moderator *pro tem.*, and Rev. J. C. Burgess was chosen as stated clerk. A roll of Presbytery under the new arrangement was drawn up, consisting of some 46 members. The meeting then adjourned to meet in St.

Andrew's Church, St. John, on Tuesday 13th July, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

According to appointment, the Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, and th Rev. Dr. Brooke, of Fredericton, was chosen Moderator. Owing to a diversity of practice in the time of appointing representative elders, it was agreed to instruct those sessions which have not made their appointments to do so before the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery. It was agreed to assess each congregation one per cent. on the pastor's salary for the purpose of a Presbytery fund, and Mr. Robert Cruikshank was appointed Treasurer. A petition was laid on the table from Greenock Church, St. Andrew's, asking for moderation in a call. The petition was granted, and Rev. Wm. Millen was appointed to discharge that duty as soon as convenient.

A document was read from Rev. R. Wilson, in which, owing to the state of his health, he demitted the charge of his congregation in St. Stephen. A document was also read from the congregation stating that under the circumstances no objections could be made to Mr. Wilson's resignation, and that the Presbytery need not take the ordinary steps of citing the congregation. After mature deliberation the resignation was accepted, and Revs. Dr. Brooke, Dr. Waters, D. Macrae, R. J. Cameron, and J. C. Burgess were appointed a committee to draw up a suitable minute in reference to Mr. Wilson and his standing in the church.

The Rev. James Quinn was appointed to preach in St. Stephen on the last Sabbath of August and declare the church vacant. The fact was brought under the notice of the Presbytery that the Synod of the Maritime Provinces is to meet in St. John on the first Tuesday in October; and an influential committee was appointed, with Rev. D. Macrae as convener, to make necessary arrangements.

The death of Rev. James Salmon, M.D., was reported to the Presbytery, and Rev. James Bennet, and the Rev. Lewis Jack were appointed to draw up a suitable minute to be put on record, and also to write a letter of condolence to the widow of the deceased minister.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Paul's Church, Fredericton, on the second Tuesday of September, at 4 o'clock, p. m.

THE Rev. Mr. Scott of Merigomish, was waited upon by a deputation from his congregation on returning from his Summer's vacation and presented with a purse containing \$65, as a token of esteem for him and his work. Such manifestations of good feeling "are twice blessed—blessing him that gives and him that takes."