

duly licensed to preach the everlasting gospel, and was appointed to supply the station in Charlottetown and adjacencies until the next meeting of the Presbytery.

The Rev. Dr. Keir having been summoned to the immediate enjoyment in heaven, of that Master whom he so long and so faithfully served in the church below, the following record was ordered to be inserted in the minutes of Presbytery, viz:—"As it pleased Almighty God, in his wise and inscrutable providence, to remove by death our venerable father, the Rev. John Keir, D.D., S.T.P., the Presbytery would record their high sense of his worth and usefulness, as a man—as a Christian—as a minister of Christ—as a Professor of Theology—as President of the Board of Foreign Missions, and in all the various relations of life. Having come to this Island at that early period when it was a literal as well as a moral wilderness, he cheerfully submitted to the privations and hardships incident to a new country, for the sake of promoting the cause of his Great Master. In many localities where there are now respectable congregations, he was instrumental in first sowing the seed of divine truth, from which he lived to see a rich harvest. He was eminently of a meek, quiet, and unassuming temper. He was distinguished for his adherence to the doctrines of sovereign and free grace, for his disinterested benevolence, his cheerful self-denial, and his untiring assiduity in his Master's service. He was a warm friend of our Foreign Mission—one of its first projectors and most efficient promoters. Young men looking forward to the ministry ever found in him a sincere friend and ready assistance in their studies. He has gone down to his grave in the 79th year of his age, and after a ministry of 50 years, having sustained an unblemished reputation, and been the object of the affectionate respect of the whole church to which he was so long a blessing."

A letter of condolence with Mrs. Keir and family, prepared by a committee appointed for that purpose, was read, approved, and ordered to be forwarded at earliest convenience.

Rev. Mr. Crawford reported that he had moderated in a call from Fortune Bay Congregation, to the Rev. James Watson—that the call was signed by 43 church members, and a goodly number of adherents—guaranteeing a salary

of £94; but from certain circumstances connected with said call the Presbytery concluded not to sustain it.

Mr. William Keir was appointed to supply Malpeque Congregation, until the next meeting of Presbytery, which was appointed to be held in that place, on the 2nd Tuesday of January, 1859.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION.

On the 2nd December last, a committee of the ladies of Salem Church, waited on their pastor, the Rev. George Patterson, with an address, accompanied with a purse containing £20. We subjoin the address and reply:

Green Hill, December 2nd, 1858.

TO THE REV. GEORGE PATTERSON:

Minister of Salem Church, Green Hill, Pictou.

We, the ladies of your congregation, have long enjoyed, and highly esteemed the Pastorate, under which it has pleased the good Providence of God to cast our lot, and would now gladly acknowledge all that constraint of Christian affection, which binds a loving people to their devoted minister. Permit us, then to assure you of our sincere and growing attachment to your person and family, and our christian solicitude, that you may be long spared to break the bread of life amongst us and ours. Your abundant labours in the training of youth by the superintendence of Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes—your spiritual counsels to the sick and afflicted—your stated preaching of the gospel, and your well-known services to the church at large, do also challenge our cordial approbation and stimulate our ardent desire for their continuance.

Recognizing the apostolic statement, descriptive of the mutual duties of minister and people, in every age, "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing, if we shall reap your carnal things," we feel that in addition to the stated offerings laid upon the altar, it is our privilege, as now to present a free will offering, to mark in some slight degree the high appreciation which we, in common with your people generally, do entertain. Accept then, beloved pastor, this purse, containing sixteen sovereigns, which we confidently anticipate, you will regard as the fruit of our earnest desire for your encourage-