

the Moderator, addressed the people in a few well-chosen remarks. A collection was taken up in aid of the unfinished church in which the services were conducted; after which the congregation was dismissed, and the Presbytery closed with the benediction.

DANIEL McCURDY,  
*Pres. Clerk.*

### Presbytery of St. John.

At Fredericton, and within St. Paul's Church there, the 4th day of October, 1871, which day the Presbytery of St. John met according to adjournment. Sederunt:—Rev. Dr. Brooke, Messrs. Keay and Caie, ministers. In the absence of Rev. Wm. Fogo, Moderator, the Rev. Geo. J. Caie took the chair and constituted the meeting with prayer. Dr. Brooke moved, and it was agreed to, that in the absence of Rev. Robert J. Cameron, Mr. Keay act as Clerk *pro tem*.

Dr. Brooke stated the cause of Mr. Cameron's absence, that he had gone as a member of the Union Committee to Montreal to attend the meeting of that Committee there.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved of.

Dr. Brooke handed in and read a communication from Dr. McLaren of St. John, relative to the late proceedings against the Rev. Robt. J. Cameron, and the clerk was instructed to write Dr. McLaren and acknowledge receipt of the same, and in reply to call his attention to the decision of Synod in the case as recorded in its published minutes, page 9, which is as follows:—

"After deliberation, it was moved by the Rev. Geo. M. Grant, and seconded by Hon. J. Holmes, that no reasons of appeal having been lodged against the judgment of the Committee of Presbytery on any point, and all the evidence in the case for the prosecution having been heard, adjudicated on, and the judgment not having been appealed against, it is not in accordance with law or justice now to re-open the case, and review the decision come to."

The Presbytery being an inferior court, it is quite incompetent for it to review the decision of the Synod.

At this stage of the proceedings, the Rev. Mr. Fogo entered and took the chair as Moderator.

The Presbytery called for Session Records, and resolved itself into Committee of the whole, to examine the same. The minutes of Greenock Church, St. Andrew's, and of St. Paul's Church, Fredericton, were produced and read. They were found to have been regularly and accurately kept, and were ordered to be attested accordingly, which was done. The other Presbytery Records were ordered to be produced at next meeting.

Mr. Caie drew the attention of Presbytery to the recommendation of Synod, as stated in the Resolution regarding the Widows' fund, "That the several Presbyteries be enjoined, without delay, to nominate committees within their respective bounds to effect the object of the foregoing Resolutions, and that the committee appointed to act in Halifax be a central committee for Nova Scotia, and that in St. John for New Brunswick," whereupon the Presbytery appointed Lauchlan Donaldson, Alexander Jardine and Matthew Lindsay, Esquires, a central committee in St. John for the above object.

The Presbytery resolved that an extract of these minutes be forwarded to each of the above gentlemen, and that they be earnestly requested to take such steps as may seem to them best fitted for effecting the important object contemplated. Mr. Keay stated that he had lately visited Richmond, and had received eight dollars due for the last visits of Mr. Caie and himself, and he was requested to hand the same to the clerk with deduction of necessary expenses. The clerk was requested to keep an account of all such monies.

Mr. Keay brought the condition of Richmond and Woodstock before the Presbytery, and, after deliberation, it was resolved that in the present circumstances of the Presbytery they are unable to make any definite appointments for Sabbath services; but the Presbytery requests its members to visit these stations when opportunity shall enable them, and give week day or Sabbath services. With regard to the money in the hands of the elders in Richmond, collected to pay for Mr. Russell's ser-