

The members of Presbytery expressed their sentiments in cordial approval of the state of the congregation as elicited by the replies to the questions, and encouraged it to go forward in the work of the Lord.

Mr. James Mitchell appeared as a Commissioner from the congregation of Merigomish, applying for a Moderation in a call. He stated that the stipend promised is \$700 with a manse or glebe. The application was granted, and the Rev. Mr. Maxwell appointed to preach in their church on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 11 a. m., and moderate in a call.

Messrs Wm. McC. Erquhart, and Alex. Fraser appeared as commissioners from the congregation of Westville and Middle River, applying for a moderation in a call. The stipend promised is \$800. This application was granted, and the Rev. Mr. McCurdy appointed to preach in Carmel Church on Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 7 p. m., and to moderate in a call.

The Rev. Mr. Houston was present as a deputy from the Committee on the Supplemental fund to bring its claims before the Presbytery. It was agreed to express a deep interest in the success of the fund, and to defer the further consideration of it until the next meeting of Presbytery.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of Presbytery in James' Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 11 a. m., for ordinary business.

JOHN MACKINNON.

Chalmers' Church, Halifax.

On the 18th June last the steeple of this church was struck by lightning, and the building was seriously injured. It has been repaired at a cost of \$1,100. The three Insurance Companies in which the building is insured made each a grant of \$200 towards the repairs. This still left a balance of \$500 to be met by the congregation. The Committee of Management asked for a collection to cover this amount, and on the 22nd September the congregation responded by a collection which amounted to \$730. This is more noteworthy inasmuch as the congregation lost two-thirds of its wealth less than a year ago. It may be mentioned that this contribution did not interfere with the ordinary Sabbath day collection for current expenses.

Another new Church Opened.

On Sabbath the 8th September, the new Presbyterian Church of Onslow was formally opened for public worship, the services being conducted by the Rev. Robert Sedgewick.

The weather was favourable, and on this account, as well as to manifest the interest

which the community, and especially the neighbouring congregations of various denominations, took in the completion of so great an undertaking, and in the prosperity of their Onslow brethren and friends, the Church was filled to its utmost capacity in the morning, and almost equally so in the afternoon.

It may be interesting to many to state that the new building occupies the site of the old meeting-house, which, quaint in its style and huge in its size, and venerable in its age, has been used for the worship of God by the Baptist and Presbyterian congregations of Onslow for nearly a hundred years. Surely some Onslow patriarch who has some regard to antiquity in his head and in his heart, and who perchance, can say of that venerable house of prayer, "Here I was born again," will be at the pains to draw up an account of the origin of the meeting-house, how it came to be a "union meeting-house," who were the Commissioners, who were the contractor and builders, the ministers of the several congregations during the century, the "chances and changes" through which the congregations have passed, and what other historical facts, down to the year of grace 1870, are worth the preserving and recording:—

"For in her rubbish and her stones,
Thy servants pleasure take;
Yea they the very dust thereof,
Do favour for her sake."

The new meeting-house is in keeping with the taste and the wealth of the times. The style is plain pointed Gothic—and, with one or two slight exceptions, the style is maintained down to the minutest details of the building. The size of the structure is sixty feet by thirty-eight, and its entire length, including the vestry, which is placed behind the north gable, and which is twenty-four feet by twenty, is eighty-four feet.

The entrance is by the south gable, which is surmounted by a belfry, in which, however there is no bell hung as yet. There are three windows in the south gable, one on each side of the door and one immediately above it, every way in keeping with the general style of the building, and filled with stained glass of various colors, as well as the other windows in the side walls of the house which are equally tasteful in style and execution.

The outside of the building is painted somewhat sombrely yet in agreeable contrast to the favorite white of the private house which the Onslow people love so well. Altogether the Church has a most Church-like look, and alike pleases the eye and raises the heart of the intelligent and godly; and is a great ornament to the beautiful locality where it is situated.