

mented; and they expressed their fervent wish that a wider sphere of usefulness might be opened up to Dr Baird, in which he might be better supported.

The Presbytery, after due deliberation on the subject, came to the following deliverance: "That upon a patient and mature consideration of the whole case, the Presbytery, deeply sensible of the importance of the step, and greatly pained at the prospect of separation from a brother highly esteemed and beloved, and sympathizing with the congregation in their present depressed and embarrassed circumstances, feel themselves, nevertheless, shut up to the conclusion of accepting Dr. Baird's resignation of the congregation at Carleton."

Report of Rev. John D. Murray, supplying mission stations, was given in and accepted.

Rev. Mr. Bennet was appointed Moderator of Presbytery for the remainder of this term in room of Dr. Baird; also the Clerk was instructed to inform the people of Moncton of the rejection of their call to the Rev. Dr. Stewart.

Other matters of importance were brought before the Presbytery, some of which were deferred till the next meeting, which was appointed to be held in Calvin Church on Tuesday the 26th inst., at 7½ p.m. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator, having special reference to Dr. Baird's leaving.

(Condensed from Minutes.)

WM. ALVES, *Pres. Clerk.*

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met at Mount Stewart on the 29th Oct., and after sermon by the Rev. James Allan, was constituted. There were present Revs. H. Crawford, Moderator, *pro tem*, J. Allan, I. Murray, A. Cameron, A. Falconer, D. W. Cameron, and J. G. Cameron, Ministers; and W. L. Douglas, elder. Commissions were read and sustained from the session of East St. Peter's and Bay Fortune, West St. Peter's, and St. John's New London, appointing Messrs. Henry D. Anderson, W. L. Douglas, and Malcolm McLean, as representative elders to Presbytery and Synod. The Presbytery then proceeded to the examination of the congregation, when the questions of the Formula were put respectively to the Minister, Elders, Session and Managers. These questions were in general satisfactorily answered. The several members of the Presbytery expressed themselves as highly satisfied with the state of matters, as indicated by the answers given, commended the congregation for the liberality displayed in church building, and especially in providing so comfortable a house for their minister, but strongly urged them to raise

his salary to at least £150. A committee, consisting of Revs. J. Allan and A. Falconer, was appointed to act in concert with the congregation to endeavour to carry out this recommendation.

The congregation of St. John's, New London, having stated through the Rev. A. Cameron, moderator of their session, that finding themselves unable to support ordinances in their present organization, they were desirous of obtaining a portion of his services; whereupon the Presbytery agreed to meet at St. John's New London, on Tuesday the 24th Dec., in order to take the state of the whole congregation into consideration, and decide as they may see the interests of the church require. The Clerk was instructed to notify the neighboring congregations of the change desired, and to appear for their interests, by commissioners, at the meeting above mentioned.

A letter was read from the Rev. J. D. Murray, late of Lot 14, requesting the payment of the arrears due him, when the clerk was instructed to write to the congregation, urging immediate payment, according to the agreement made at the time of Mr. Murray's demission.

Mr. Hogg was appointed to supply the Free Church, Charlottetown, on the 1st Sabbath of Nov.; Murray Harbor on the 2nd. and 3rd Sabbaths of Nov.; and Lot 14 the 4th Sabbath of Nov., and the 1st Sabbath of December.

The Presbytery met on the following day, at East St. Peter's, for the visitation of that congregation. The Rev. A. Falconer conducted divine service, when the Court was constituted. It was composed of the same members as on the former day, with the exception of Rev. J. Allan and W. L. Douglas, elder, and the addition of Rev. A. McLean and H. D. Anderson, elder.

The examination of the congregation was conducted, as on the previous day, and the results that appeared, were upon the whole satisfactory. The Presbytery were of opinion, that this section of Mr. Crawford's congregation, which comprises nearly 100 families, was sufficiently strong to support ordinances apart from Bay Fortune, and urged the congregation accordingly. After considerable discussion, the sentiment of the congregation was taken on the desirability of dividing, when a unanimous expression of opinion was given in the affirmative. A committee, consisting of the Revs. D. W. Cameron and A. Falconer, was appointed to visit the congregation, in order to ascertain their ability to support a Minister apart from the other section, in view of an early division. Adjourned to meet at St. John's, New London, on Tuesday, the 24th December, at 11 o'clock, Rev. A. MacLean to preach.

ALEX. FALCONER, *Pby. Clerk.*