

and had appointed a Committee to confer with this Presbytery on the subject. The Presbytery expressed their sense of the courtesy shown by this communication, and cheerfully acceded to the request for a conference. The Clerk was instructed to inform Mr Blair of the time and place of our next meeting.

The Rev James Byers was appointed to supply Charlotte Town on the 3rd and 4th Sabbaths of September, to be followed by the Rev George Patterson in the month of October. The Rev James Watson was appointed to supply Mahou and Baddeck during the months of September and October, and dispense the Sacrament of the Supper at both places, if desired by the people. Supply of preaching was also appointed to the congregations of West River and West Branch. Central Congregation, West River, obtained liberty to make their own arrangements for supply till next meeting of Presbytery.

A report of Mr George Roddick's labors within the bounds of the Presbytery was read and approved.

The Presbytery met at River John on the following day for Presbyterian visitation. The questions of the formula were then put and answered by the various office-bearers. In those answers the Presbytery found much that was pleasing, but regretted to find its pecuniary affairs not in so satisfactory a condition as could be desired.

The Presbytery again met on the 22d inst, when a Commissioner appeared from the congregation of West River applying for a member of Presbytery to moderate in a call to one to be their pastor. The Commissioner stated that he was authorised to promise in the name of the congregation the sum of £150 per annum payable quarterly in advance. The petition was granted and the Rev George Patterson appointed to preside on the occasion, the moderation to take place on Tuesday 6th October.

The Rev D. B. Blair of the Free Presbytery of Pictou being invited to correspond took his seat as a consultative member; and afterwards as one of the Committee of said Presbytery to confer with this Presbytery on an application for supply of preaching from River John, stated the reasons of said Presbytery for adopting this course. It appeared that the applicants were few in number, all Free Churchmen, and principally desirous of having some Gaelic preaching.

After conference it appeared probable that the object of all parties might be gained by an interchange of pulpits between Mr Waddell and the members of the Free Church Presbytery. It was therefore remitted to the Session of River John to make arrangements with them for that purpose.

The Rev Robert Blackwood being laid aside from preaching by indisposition, supply was appointed for his pulpit till after next meeting of Presbytery.

**PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.**—The Presbytery of Halifax in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia met at Windsor and at Newport on the 22nd and 23rd instant. It was found on inquiry that both congregations had been making preparation for a dissolution of the connection between them which has now existed for many years. The arrangements necessary for accomplishing this object being completed, the Presbytery declared them separate congregations from October 1st. The Windsor congregation having expressed their desire to retain the services of their present pastor, and he being willing to remain, the Presbytery proceeded to provide supply for Newport. Rev James Thomson was appointed to preach there on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sabbaths of October; supply by members of Presbytery was provided for the 1st and 3rd Sabbaths of November; and Mr James Ruddick, preacher, appointed for the month of December. We fondly anticipate, under the blessing of the Great Shepherd, increased spiritual and temporal prosperity to both congregations.—They are both provided with very superior Churches, which are free from debt, and occupy central and commanding positions; and each may and we trust will aid and strengthen the other. May they be of one mind and live in peace enjoying much of the gracious presence of the God of love and peace!

A Report of Missionary Services performed by Rev J. Thomson at Rawdon, Kempt, Bridgetown and Annapolis, and also at some places at and near the Railway line, was read. Also of similar services performed by Mr R. Grant at Rawdon for one Sabbath and for six weeks at Cape Sable Island. Rev Mr Cameron gave a verbal statement of a mission fulfilled by Rev Mr McLean and himself to the different sections of the congregation of