

by Rev. H. D. Steele, and summoned them to appear for their interest. No commissioner from the congregation appeared.—There was a letter from Rev. H. D. Steele giving an account of a congregational meeting. But nothing appeared to make it desirable to delay any longer the acceptance of Mr. Steele's demission. His demission was accordingly accepted, to take effect at the end of the financial year.

A letter from Rev. D. S. Gordon was read in which he reported that he had moderated in a call at Yarmouth, and that the call came out unanimous in favour of Mr. Ebenezer Macnab, preacher of the gospel. The Presbytery approved of the report, sustained the call, and placed it in Mr. Macnab's hands; and before the close of the meeting Mr. Macnab declared his acceptance of it. Trials for ordination were then prescribed. Rev. John Forrest was appointed to preach at Mount Unimake Gold Diggings and at Beaver Bank on the second Sabbath of April. The Presbytery agreed to apply to the Home Mission Board for the services of Mr. Robert Cumming as Catechist with a view to the regular supply of Bedford and Waverly.

The Presbytery having learnt that deputations from the Free Church of Scotland and the Irish Presbyterian Church are about to visit the American churches, agree to invite them most cordially to visit this country, and resolve to request the Moderator of the Synod to invite them on behalf of the Synod.

The next meeting of the Presbytery will be held in the basement of Poplar Grove Church on the first Wednesday of May, at 2 o'clock, p. m., to hear Mr. Macnab's trials and transact other business. The Presbytery propose to meet in the Lakeville Church, West Cornwallis, to enquire into the circumstances of the congregation, on Tuesday, the 14th May, at 10 o'clock, Rev. W. Maxwell to preach. It is proposed that Mr. Macnab's ordination take place on the 19th May, Mr. Forrest to preach, Mr. McLeod to address the minister, Mr. Annand the congregation. On the following Tuesday the Presbytery will (D. V.) hold a visitation of Rev. M. G. Henry's congregation—Clyde and Barrington—Rev. Mr. McLeod to preach; and on Wednesday hold a visitation of the Shelburne congregation—the Rev. G. M. Clarke's,—Rev. Mr. Annand to preach.

Presbytery of St. John, N.B.

This Presbytery met in St. David's church on Tuesday, 12th ult., in the forenoon for business, and in the evening for visitation of the congregation. At the forenoon sederunt it was resolved that practical steps should be immediately taken for the

junction of the Presbyterian people in Salt-springs, Hammond, and Golden Grove in one ministerial charge; and for this purpose the Rev. N. McKay was appointed to visit the people at Hammond and ascertain how much they are prepared to give for the support of a minister in the circumstances; the Rev. James Gray was appointed for the same object to visit the people of Salt-springs; and the Rev. Wm. Alves was appointed to visit Golden Grove; and all to report to next meeting of Presbytery.—After other matters were disposed of the Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. David's in the evening for visitation of the congregation.

VISITATION OF ST. DAVID'S CONGREGATION.

The Presbytery met with the congregation of St. David's at 8 o'clock in the evening. There was fair representation of office-bearers, but too small an attendance of the people. In answer to the queries satisfactory statements were made. The number of communicants on the roll is 173. The Sabbath School has 17 teachers and 160 scholars. The weekly prayer-meeting has an average of 25. There are five elders, and it is understood that additional elders are likely to be ordained. The congregation raised for all purposes last year, \$1560.48, including the amount paid to the minister. The Presbytery expressed itself generally satisfied, and agreed upon the following finding:—"The Presbytery rejoices to find the congregation, as shown by returns, in a vigorous and hopeful condition, and would simply express its earnest desire that the efforts at present on foot to improve the financial and spiritual condition of the Church may be prosecuted efficiently, and, by the blessing of God, may prove successful.

VISITATION OF CALVIN CHURCH.

The Presbytery met with the congregation of Calvin Church on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. There was a considerable number of the people present; too few of the office-bearers. The questions were all satisfactorily answered. The number of adherents was set down at 600; of communicants at 110; of Sabbath scholars at 120; of volumes in Library at 600; of prayer-meetings 3, with an average attendance of 20. The congregation raised for all purposes last year, \$1594.50, including the minister's salary; and the balance of their debt, amounting only to £600, they expressed themselves determined to wipe away as soon as possible.

The Presbytery came to a finding in the following terms:—"That the Presbytery is highly pleased with the result of the visitation, especially with the reduction of debt, the number of prayer-meetings, and attend-