

district in which he will be expected to take a spiritual oversight of the families, visiting them in affliction, and at other times so far as his time will permit, holding a District Prayer Meeting where this appears to the Session to be desirable, and paying special attention to the conduct and progress of the baptized youth of his district.

Second: The Presbytery recommend regular meetings of Sessions at stated times, monthly if practicable,—a portion of the time being occasionally set apart for conference and prayer.

Third: The Presbytery consider that in the event of a vacancy occurring, or occasional want of supply for the pulpit either in a congregation or in a section where such may be far removed from preaching, the congregation meet for public worship under the superintendence of the Session.

The Presbytery met on Wednesday for the transaction of ordinary business. A Call from Chalmers' Church to Rev. E. Annand was sustained. A Call was also laid on the table addressed to Rev. J. M. Macleod from John Knox's Church, New Glasgow. Messrs. Macleod and Annand were directed to exchange pulpits next Lord's day and make the usual intimations to the congregations interested in these calls. Both calls are to come up at next meeting of Presbytery.

The Home Mission Board having granted three Catechists to the Presbytery, the following arrangements were made: Mr. Thomson to labour at Ship Harbour; Mr. Carr at Digby; and Mr. Nicholson at Shubenacadie. Supply for another month was granted to Rev. D. S. Gordon's congregation. Messrs. Samuel Gunn and Charles Fraser were examined for license, and their trials being satisfactory, the Presbytery licensed them to preach the Gospel. The Presbytery nominated Rev. John Cameron for Moderator of Synod. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Chalmers' Church on Wednesday May 4th, at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

COVEHEAD, March 23, 1870.—At which time and place the above mentioned Court met in accordance with adjournment. After Divine service, conducted by Mr. Lawson, the Presbytery was constituted. In the absence of the Moderator and the Clerk, Rev. J. Murray was appointed Moderator, and Mr. Lawson Clerk, *pro tem*.

The Moderator then called upon the managers of the Covehead and Brackley Point sections of Mr. Allan's congregation, to present a statement of the amount subscribed in said section for their Pastor, when it was shown that the sum of £128 was realized. In addition to this amount, it

was further shown that the Sabbath collection at church, amounts to £8, making a total of £136. Of this amount the managers, stated that £6 could not be collected. It thus appeared that the actual sum which Mr. Allan received for last year was £130. Aware that besides this amount for Mr. Allan, said two sections, for the past year raised £26 10s. for missionary purposes; the Presbytery expressed its high satisfaction at this result, and asked the congregation if it would pledge itself to raise the same sum for Mr. Allan next year. This they cheerfully and unanimously agree to do. The congregation then having thanked the Presbytery for its present visit to them, requested that the Presbytery again meet with them in the month of March, next year. Mr. Lawson was appointed to canvass the St. Peter's road section of the congregation, and obtain subscriptions there, with the object of getting at least £20, in order to raise Mr. Allan's salary to the minimum of £150. Presbytery adjourned to meet at 3 p. m.

Same place and date, 3 p. m.—The Presbytery met, and was constituted. The attention of Presbytery then having been directed to the circumstance that certain influential members of the government had lately been throwing out hints as to the propriety of giving a grant to St. Dunstan's College, the Presbytery unanimously agreed to renew their protest against any such proposal, and their strenuous opposition to giving public support to sectarian schools and colleges, and to frame a remonstrance to be laid before their people in the columns of the *Presbyterian*. The Rev. James Allan was appointed to draw up said remonstrance. The Presbytery further agreed to request a conference with the brethren of the Kirk Presbytery in regard to the propriety of taking joint action on all questions pertaining to the subject of education.

STEPHEN G. LAWSON,
[Clerk, *pro tem*.

Presentations.

We wish to overtake some omissions of months past in recording congregational gifts and courtesies to Pastors.

And first on the list we must notice, with an apology that our notice is out of due time, the presentation of a very superior gold watch, chain and key to Rev. Isaac Murray, by the congregation of Cavendish including the preaching stations of Wheatley and Stanley Rivers.

The Committee employed H. Primrose Esq., of Pictou, and J. S. McLean, Esq., of Halifax, to order an article of genuine worth, and have acknowledged with thanks that the commission was well discharged.