

change, so that the Presbytery may be in possession of the fullest information, and be able to come to a satisfactory conclusion in the matter, at their next meeting. The next meetings will be held for Presbyterial visitation at Lower Stewiacke on Tuesday, the 16th January, 10 o'clock; and at 3½ p. m., at Shubenacadie; and on the following day (Wednesday) at 10 o'clock, at Gay's River. For ordinary business the Presbytery will meet at Lower Stewiacke at 3 p. m., on Tuesday.

Meeting of the Presbytery of St. John.

The Presbytery of St. John met in the School Room of St. David's Church, St. John, on the 4th ult. Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland was invited to sit as a corresponding member. The Clerk reported that in obedience to instructions he had forwarded to Mr. Nelson the Call of the Baillie congregation, together with a schedule of trials agreed upon by the Moderator, to be prepared in the event of his accepting the call; that Mr. Nelson had intimated his acceptance, and was now present and prepared to submit his trials.

The Presbytery proceeded to deliberate upon these trials as a whole, and they were cordially and unanimously sustained, and the Presbytery resolved to proceed with his ordination as already provisionally appointed.

The Moderator reported that he had preached yesterday at Nerepis and Jerusalem, and that the people were very desirous of obtaining a supply of ordinances. Mr. Sutherland was appointed to Nerepis and Jerusalem for two Sabbaths. Mr. Houston read a report of visitation of the Church at Salmon River. The Report was received and ordered to be engrossed.

Rev. Mr. Bennet then reported that at the request of the Clerk, who could not leave home on account of death in his congregation, he, Mr. Bennet, had visited Richmond on the 28th November, and in company with the Rev. Mr. Cameron, met with the people of Richmond. They found, on enquiry, that the joint action of the Churches in asking for Moderation was quite deliberate, general and cordial—that both sections of the congregation are equally desirous of having Mr. McKay settled among them—that only two persons objected to the proceedings, and these on the ground that the other clergyman in the field ought to have been heard, to which it was replied that the congregation being satisfied with Mr. McKay thought it better to move to call before they heard the other gentlemen, so that their action might not have the appearance of rejecting him. The subscription lists are not yet completed, but

so far as they have gone they are about equally contributed by each section.

The Presbytery in view of these facts, agreed to grant the prayer of the application for Moderation, and to remit to the standing committee in charge of Woodstock and Richmond to mature the call with all convenient despatch.

Rev. S. Houston submitted a memorandum of contributions of Calvin Church to Mission schemes for 1871. It is as follows: 1st. Congregational Collections, Synod Fund, \$22; Foreign Mission, \$52; Supplement Fund, \$45; Home Mission, \$28 34; Ministerial Education, \$30. 2nd. Sabbath School collections—Dayspring, \$20; Acadian Mission, \$10; Coolie Church, Trinidad, \$14. Total \$221.34.

It was agreed to grant supplies to Buetouche as last winter, Mr. Bearisto to supply first, then Mr. Jack and Mr. Donald. Messrs. J. D. Murray and James Gray to make arrangements. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Baillie Presbyterian Church to-morrow evening, at 6 o'clock.

At Baillie Presbyterian Church, Dec. 5th, at 6 p. m., the Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted.

The clerk reported that the Edict had been issued in due form and had been returned by Mr. Morrison with certification that he had read it to the congregation on the 19th November. The Edict was then again read and opportunity given to any one who might have any objection to offer to do so. No objection whatever having appeared the Rev. S. Houston preached an able and appropriate sermon from Luke 8, 1-3. Mr. McKay then narrated the steps taken in connexion with this call, whereupon the Moderator put the questions of the formula to Mr. Nelson, and satisfactory answers having been given by him the Presbytery did by prayer and imposition of hands ordain him to the office of the Christian Ministry, and induct him into the pastoral charge of the joint congregation of Baillie and Tower Hill. He then received the right hand of fellowship from the brethren, and was suitably addressed by Rev. J. D. Murray upon the responsibilities and encouragements of his sacred office. The Rev. James Gray then addressed the congregation in appropriate terms, and the Rev. John Turnbull offered fervent prayer for the Divine blessing upon the newly ordained pastor and his flock. After joining in a song of praise the congregation was dismissed, and passing in file before the desk they cordially took their pastor by the hand. Thereafter, having signified his readiness to sign the formula, his name was added to the roll.

The Rev. S. Johnson was appointed assessor with Rev. J. Turnbull and Mr. King, and the session was directed to retire and