

settlement in that place, the whole field was under his charge. In Nov. 1856, Bridgewater was disjoined from Lunenburg and formed into a new congregation under the pastorate of Rev. H. D. Steel, who was succeeded by Mr. Morton, now missionary in Trinidad. The present incumbent is Rev. P. M. Morrison. In April 1860, Lallave and New Dublin were formed into a separate charge. Soon afterwards Rev. Donald McMillan accepted a call to become their pastor, and was settled over them, where he has continued to labour with much success. Each of these congregations received a supplement for a few years; but for some time past, they have not only been self-sustaining, but have contributed liberally to the several schemes of the church. Mahone Bay is for the present to receive a supplement also; but it is confidently expected that it will not be required for more than a year or two. It is a compact harmonious and spirited little congregation, situated in one of the most beautiful and thriving parts of the province, so that Mr. McNab enters upon his labours with every prospect of comfort and success.

Rev. John Forrest reported that he had preached and moderated in a call in St. James' church, Dartmouth, to Rev. Alexander Falconer, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., that the call was cordial and harmonious, and was signed by one hundred and four members and adherents. On motion it was agreed to receive the report, approve Mr. Forrest's diligence, sustain the call as a regular gospel call, direct the Clerk to transmit it and the other papers connected with it to the Presbytery of P. E. Island, and appoint Rev. Professor McKnight and Charles Robson, Esq., to prosecute the call before said Presbytery.

A letter from Rev. William Maxwell was read in which he tenders his demission of the pastoral charge of Chalmers Church congregation. The demission was allowed to lie on the table and Rev. Wm. Duff appointed to preach in Chalmers Church on Sabbath, 11th September, notify the congregation of said demission and cite them to appear for their interests at the next regular meeting of Presbytery, to be held in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, on Wednesday, October 6, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

A letter was also read from Mr. Edward Grant, intimating his acceptance of the call from Kempt and Walton. The Clerk was instructed to request him to appear at the next meeting of Presbytery to give in his ordination trials.

Revs. D. S. Gordon and Allan Simpson asked and obtained leave of absence from their congregations for eight weeks to visit the United States and Canada for the benefit of their health.

Reports of Missionary labour by Messrs.

Burgess, Smith and others, were read and approved, and the following appointments made, viz.:—Mr. Nelson to supply Shelburne, Mr. Dickie, Sheet Harbour, and Mr. Layton, Hillsboro' and Digby from the 2d Sabbath of September till the end of October.

JOHN M. McLEOD, Clerk.

Presbytery of Truro.

This Presbytery met, according to appointment, at Maitland, on Tuesday, Aug. 24th. The first business was the visitation of the 2nd congregation of Maitland and Noel. The whole was, as usual with this congregation, very pleasing. The pastor, the Rev. John Currie, is abundant in labors. He does not, according to the good old custom, hold diets of examination throughout the congregation. He submitted to the Presbytery reasons for the omission, stating that his session was of the same mind with him respecting this matter; but expressing his readiness to bow to the judgment of the court. Not holding diets of examination, he visits the whole congregation pastorally every year. He also visits the sick attentively. He has a Bible class in Maitland during the whole year, and during winter others in the various settlements throughout the congregation. These are attended, in all, by about one hundred young persons. He gives corresponding attention with similar results to prayer meetings. In all these labors Mr. Currie is happily seconded by a band of devoted elders. They also visit the sick. They attend and take part in prayer meetings, and they are all employed as Sabbath school teachers.

The managers reported no arrears, and that they were able generally to make payments at the appointed time. When last visited, two years ago, they reported that the congregation had resolved to increase the salary \$100, raising it from \$600 to \$700. This latter sum they have since that time been paying. This, however, they said they were not prepared to affirm, was thought sufficient. They were of opinion that if Mr. Currie would grumble a little, they would add another hundred dollars. The Presbytery could not hold out to them the prospect of their accomplished pastor very speedily becoming an adept at this species of manoeuvring. Members of the court, nevertheless, began to have the impression that the \$800 would by-and-bye be forthcoming, without the aid of grumbling. It appeared as if the managers were, in a modest way, hinting at what might soon be expected. In this congregation we have impressive example of what may be accomplished by an able, earnest, and devoted minister. The Presbytery—wish-