

In the afternoon the Presbytery met in the house of James A. Scott, Esq., when after a very satisfactory examination Mr. J. W. Nelson was duly licensed to preach the Gospel.

A letter was read from Rev. W. Forlong, asking the Presbytery to supply his pulpit for a few Sabbaths in the month of September, he being under the necessity of seeking a change of climate on account of his health. The Presbytery appointed Messrs. W. Murray and H. D. Steele to give one service each Sabbath of September not otherwise provided for.

The Presbytery met in the basement of Poplar Grove Church on Wednesday evening. Present, Revs. Professor King, D.D., P. G. McGregor, John Cameron, W. Murray, A. Stuart, Prof. McKnight, E. Annand, E. A. McGurdy, and A. Simpson; Dr. Forrest and D. Blackwood, ruling elders, and Revs. N. McKay and J. B. Logan corresponding members. The Presbytery took into consideration the remit of Synod relative to the appointment of Rev. P. G. McGregor as general agent of the church.—The congregation having consented to the proposal, and engaged to provide £100 of his salary for one year, leaving the future for further negotiations, the Presbytery unanimously resolved to consummate the appointment as directed by the Synod, and to make arrangements for the supply of the congregation. The clerk was directed to give notice of the fact of Mr. McGregor's appointment to the several officers of Boards. &c., who are relieved from duty by this arrangement.

The Presbytery then took up the case of Rev. Thomas Cumming, minister of St. John's church in this city. Mr. Cumming had received leave of absence from the Presbytery, at their meeting on May 22d, till the meeting of Synod at St. John in July. At that time a letter was received from him tendering the demission of his charge, which was allowed to lie on the table till Mr. Cumming should have an opportunity of appearing before the Presbytery and giving his reasons. Nothing further was heard from him till the evening of the meeting, when a letter was received and read giving his reasons for the step taken. The letter was regarded as most unsatisfactory, and after mature deliberation the following deliverance was unanimously adopted:—

“That the Presbytery cannot accept the resignation, as they disapprove both of the way in which it has been tendered, and also of the reasons given; but finding the congregation deserted in fact by its pastor, hereby declare it vacant, and appoint Mr. J. W. Nelson, preacher, to give notice from the pulpit of St. John's church on next Lord's day.”

Appointments were made for St. John's church and also for Lunenburg. The Presbytery then adjourned, at 12 o'clock midnight, to meet again on the last Wednesday of September in the College Hall.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in Knox's Church, New Glasgow, on the 24th inst., after having been constituted by the Rev. Alexr. Sutherland, Moderator, the roll called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and sustained; received Mr. A. M'L. Sinclair's trials for ordination, which were unanimously sustained.

The Rev. Geo. Sutherland, of Charlottetown, being present was invited to sit as corresponding member. The committee appointed to confer with the executors of Mrs. McKenzie's bequest, reported that the executors are prepared to pay the interest that shall be available every six months after the 8th of last March.

The presbytery accordingly authorized the Clerk to give public intimation both in the *Witness* and *Record* of this bequest in the terms of the Will. The Rev. Mr. Downie was appointed to dispense the Lord's Supper in the congregation of Lochaber and Goshen at his earliest convenience. Supply was then appointed for Earltown congregation, now vacant. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet on the next day at 11 a.m., at Springville, for the ordination and induction into that charge of Mr. A. M'L. Sinclair, preacher of the gospel.

At which time and place the Presbytery accordingly met in the usual manner ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and inducted Mr. A. M'L. Sinclair as pastor, into this large and important charge. The Rev. Mr. Mowatt, Sharon church, Albion Mines, preached an excellent sermon from Jeremiah i. 10. The Rev. D.B. Blair acted as Moderator, and presided.—The Rev. Geo. Patterson addressed the newly ordained Pastor—Rev. Dr. Bayne the people, and the Rev. Alex. Ross offered the closing prayer.

The Presbytery appointed its next ordinary meeting at Merigomish, on Tuesday, 28th August., at 11 a.m., for Presbyterial visitation of the congregation. Concluded with the Benediction.

Notice.

The late Mrs. MacKenzie, of New Glasgow, having by Will entrusted to the care of the Pictou Presbytery in connection with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, the sum of £400, the yearly interest of which is to be given as two bursaries to deserving young men attending college with a view to the gospel ministry.