

the mysteries of the gospel, I could hear them explaining it to each other, saying it was a *good word* we brought them. When they hear, for the first time, of the life and immortality brought to light by the gospel, we can see in their faces how it stirs up their souls with a desire and hope to possess it. Still there is a struggle ere they yield."

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Do not forget to order a supply of the Sabbath School Lessons for 1866. We have reason to know that the lessons for the present year have been highly valued by those who have used them. *All* our congregations should have Sabbath Schools, and all our schools should use the lessons.

REV. T. DOWNIE having accepted an appointment to Jamaica, bade farewell to Antigonish towards the close of September. The congregation, at a meeting held on the 24th Sept., presented him with a very cordial farewell address. He leaves the bounds of our Synod with the best wishes and prayers of all his brethren.

REV. W. McCULLOCH, Truro, returned recently from Scotland, greatly improved in health. His congregation held a meeting of welcome on Monday the 15th ult., at which they presented him with an address and a testimonial of \$360.

REV. P. G. MCGREGOR has entered on the discharge of his duties as agent of the church.

THEOLOGICAL HALL.—The next session will begin on Thursday, 1st November, at 2 o'clock, P. M. The opening lecture will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Smith on the first Monday of December.

New Brunswick.

A meeting of the Presbytery of St. John was held in St. John on the 10th Oct.—There was a pretty full attendance of members. The report of a committee appointed to visit the charges of Rev. Andw. Donald,

in Londonderry and Campbell Settlements, was submitted. After having heard the usual number of discourses, and passed him through the customary examination in Hebrew, Theology and Church History, in all which he acquitted himself most creditably, the Presbytery licensed Mr. Sinclair to preach the gospel, wherever he may be called on to do so.

The Presbytery granted a recommendation to Mr. John Courtenay, as a fit and proper person to act as Colporteur, in New Brunswick, for the Presbyterian Board of Publication of the United States.

Presbytery of Halifax.

This court met on Wednesday the 26th September, at the College Hall. Present, Rev. James McLean, moderator, Rev. Dr. King, Rev. Messrs. Waddell, McGregor, Cameron, W. Murray, Prof. McKnight, E. Annand, E. A. McCurdy, and A. Simpson, with Dr. Forrest, D. Blackwood and R. Murray, elders.

On motion the name of Rev. Thomas Cumming was removed from the Roll of Presbytery. Moderation in a call was granted to St. John's church, Halifax.—The congregation nominated Mr. John Forrest as the probationer to whom they wish to give a call. The moderation was granted to take place on the 17th October, Professor McKnight to preach and preside.

Reports were read, by Mr. Simon Fraser, of labours in Bermuda; by Mr. A. R. Garvie of labours in Queen's County; by Rev. H. McMillan of services at Bedford and Waverly, Mr. Lang, catechist, and by Mr. Edward Archibald of labours in the Bay of Islands, Newfoundland. These reports were all approved and appropriate action taken upon each.

The clerk read a letter from Rev. P. G. McGregor, accepting the office of General Agent of the church. It being understood that the Board of Education appoint their own Treasurer, and as the Synod intended that position for Mr. McGregor, the clerk was directed to correspond with the chairman of the Board, requesting them to co-operate with the Presbytery in carrying out the views of the Synod by appointing Mr. McGregor as their Treasurer.

Rev. W. Murray submitted a medical certificate testifying to the necessity of rest from public speaking for some time. The Presbytery expressed their sympathy with Mr. Murray, and cordially granted leave to rest for eight or ten weeks as his case might require,—members of Presbytery agreeing to give such supply to the congregation as might be found necessary.