

exchange with him to preach it vacant on Sabbath first, and the Revs. Dr. Bayne and the Clerk to prepare a suitable minute in reference to him, to be placed on their records.

The Rev. Dr. Bayne was appointed Moderator of the Session of that congregation.

The Commissioners requested that the Presbytery send them constant supply of preaching, whereupon it was agreed that the Rev. Dr. Roy preach to the congregation one sermon each Sabbath, until preachers can be got from the Home Mission Board.

The Rev. Dr. Bayne gave notice that at the next meeting of Presbytery he would move an overture to the Synod, asking to give ministers who, after long service, and from age and infirmity, were necessitated to demit their charges, and also those who have been, or may be, separated from their congregations, by the authority of the Synod, to be employed otherwise in the service of the Church, a right to sit as members in the Courts of the Church.

The Rev. George Roddick reported that, according to appointment, he had preached the congregation of Scotsburn vacant. His report was approved.

The Rev. Mr. Mowitt reported that he had, according to appointment, preached in John Knox's Church, on the 1st Sabbath of April, and intimated, as requested, the moderation of a call. His report was approved.

The Rev. Mr. Mackinnon reported that he had that day, according to appointment, preached in John Knox's Church, and after sermon, in the usual manner, moderated in a call which came out unanimously in favour of the Rev. John McLean McLeod, Newport, and that the call was signed by 90 communicants and 121 adherents,—that the congregation had appointed Messrs. Donald Mackay and Hugh Cameron Commissioners to support it before the Presbytery,—and that they had also appointed the Rev. John Stewart and Messrs. Alexander McHardy and Donald McKay as their Commissioners to support it before the Presbytery of Halifax. His report was received, and his conduct approved.

Messrs. Donald Mackay and Hugh Cameron, as Commissioners from John Knox's Church, stated that the congregation were unanimous and enthusiastic in support of their call to the Rev. Mr. McLeod, and that the stipend offered is \$600 per annum and a free house; whereupon the Presbytery unanimously agreed to sustain the call as a regular Gospel call, and instruct their Clerk to transmit it in as safe and speedy a way as possible to the Presbytery of Halifax.

The Clerk was appointed as the Presby-

tery's Commissioner to support this call before the Presbytery of Halifax.

The Rev. William Grant having consented, at the request of the Home Mission Board, to go to Cape Breton during the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sabbaths of May and the 1st Sabbath of June, on the condition that the Board supply his pulpit during his absence, the Clerk was instructed to inform the Board to that effect.

The Rev. Mr. Ross was re-appointed Moderator of Scotsburn Session, and also to preach there, if convenient, on the 4th Sabbath of this month or the 1st Sabbath of May.

The Rev. Mr. Patterson was appointed Moderator of the Session of Saltsprings Church.

The following appointments were then made:—

For John Knox's Church:—Rev. Wm. Stewart, 1st and 2nd Sabbaths of May; Rev. Mr. Stirling, 3rd Sabbath of May.

For Mergomish Church:—Rev. Mr. Stirling, 1st and 2nd Sabbaths of May; Rev. William Stewart, 3rd and 4th Sabbaths of May.

For Scotsburn Church:—Mr. Gunn, 4th Sabbath of May.

The Presbytery agreed to hold their next meeting in James' Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, May 10th, at 11 A. M., for ordinary business, and for the consideration of the remits of Synod and the rules and forms of procedure. The Presbytery is expected to continue in Session two days.

JOHN MACKINNON, Clerk.

Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax met in Chalmers Church, Halifax, on Tuesday the 12th April, at 2½ o'clock. The afternoon and evening sessions were devoted to a discussion of the Ruling Eldership, in which the following members of Presbytery took part: Revds. R. Sedgwick, P. G. McGregor, James Maclean, John Cameron, J. M. McLeod, A. Falconer, J. Forrest, John B. Logan, E. Annand, and Messrs. Blackwood, James, Murray, H. B. Webster and Judge Blanchard. Revds. John Campbell and J. R. Thomson of the Church of Scotland, and Rev. J. D. McGillivray and Rev. John Stewart were present as corresponding members. Devotional exercises were conducted at frequent intervals. The following resolutions were adopted unanimously.

First: That in order to the fuller development of the energies of the Eldership, and of their capabilities for building up the Church, Sessions be strongly recommended to divide the congregations over which they preside into districts where this has not yet been done, allotting to each Elder his own