

Presbytery of Sydney.

The next meeting of the Sydney Presbytery will be held at North Sydney on the 31st of August.

James A. Forbes, probationer, is preaching at Glace Bay and Cow Bay, with much acceptance. He is likely to be called by one or both of these congregations.

Rev. A. Farquharson has been at the Lands End of C. B., viz. C. North, assisting Rev. Peter Clark in the dispensation of the Lord's Supper on the 31st of July.

Rev. John Murray is on St. Pauls, spending a few weeks among the families of his congregation living on that lonely Island.

Mr. James Murray, student, is supplying the Falmouth St. Paul's in his brother's absence.

Rev. Dr. Murray, of Charlottetown, has been expounding Pædobaptist principles in C. Breton. He delivered three lectures at Sydney, and three at North Sydney to the great satisfaction and

edification of our Presbyterians and Methodists. He came to defend the truth and he did defend it with remarkable ability and with great success. Sabbath July 24th, will be long remembered in Sydney. In the forenoon, Dr. Murray preached in St. Andrew's Church on the subject, "What is the good of your infant baptism." Falmouth St. Church, and Jubilee Church (Methodist) were closed and their pastors and Congregations were sitting with the pastor and congregation of St. Andrew's under Dr. Murray's ministrations. In the evening the Doctor preached in Falmouth St. Church, from the words, "Wherefore then serveth the law," when the same three congregations worshipped together again.

Presbytery of St. John,

This Presbytery met in St. John on the 12th July. The principal business before the court was the resignation by Rev. Dr. Waters of the pastoral charge of St. David's Church.

Commissioners were present and expressed the regrets of the congregation in prospect of his removal.

Presbytery after an individual expression of their high appreciation of his ability and work, agreed to accept the resignation, to take effect after July 24th.

They also agreed to put on record a minute expressing sympathy with the

congregation, and their own regret at losing so valued a helper.

Rev. J. C. Burgess was appointed to preach in St. David's Church, on July 31st, and declare the pulpit vacant, also to act as Moderator of session.

Presbytery of P. E. I.

The visit of Dr. Mackay—our apostolic Formosa missionary, though short, and confined to two of our chief centres, Summerside and Charlottetown, was very much enjoyed, and will be attended with good results. The thrilling narrative of his work in Formosa, delivered with that singular self-forgetfulness and fervor which are now so well-known, could not fail to show that the heroes of faith are not yet an extinct race. A visit from such a man, with such a tale to tell, does much to quicken the faith of us all in the power of the glorious gospel, and to deepen the interest in the great cause of Christian Missions.

The Presbytery held its regular quarterly session at Georgetown on the 22nd inst.

Calls from the congregation of Clifton and Granville, and from the congregation of Strathalbyn, to Mr. Jno. McLeod, licentiate, were sustained and placed in Mr. McLeod's hands. Mr. McLeod signified to the Presbytery his acceptance of the Strathalbyn call and arrangements were made for his ordination and induction on the 30th inst. The Presbytery noted with great gratification the advance made by this congregation in the matter of the minister's stipend. They gave their previous pastor five hundred dollars the present call was accompanied with a guarantee of eight hundred dollars.

Rev. J. McDonald tendered his resignation of the congregation of Dundas. The resignation was allowed to lie on the table, the congregation to be cited in the usual way.

Rev. Jno. McKinnon has obtained leave of absence for six months, and intends, with his family, to visit the 'auld land.' An appropriate resolution was passed, and ordered to be engrossed in the records, expressing the hope that our brother and his family might have a prosperous journey over the ocean, a pleasant reunion with friends and kindred, and in due time return to us.

Rev. Dr. Bain, late pastor of St. Andrew's, Perth, Ont., who is rusticiating among us this summer, was appointed to supply Georgetown pulpit during Aug. and September.