

Presbytery of Halifax.

This Presbytery met on the 21st of Nov. in the College Hall. Present Rev. James Maclean, Moderator; Revs. Dr. King, P. G. McGregor, W. Maxwell, Prof. McKnight A. Stuart, E. A. McCurdy, and A. Simpson, ministers, and Dr. Forrest, W. Anderson and R. Murray, Elders. In the absence of Rev. W. Murray, Mr. Robert Murray was appointed clerk, *pro tem*. Mr. John Forrest being present signified his acceptance of the call from St. John's Church, and his trials for ordination occupied the whole forenoon sederunt. The trials were all highly satisfactory and were unanimously sustained. His ordination is to take place on the second Wednesday of December at 7 o'clock, p. m. Mr. Simpson to preach; the moderator to preside; Mr. Maxwell to address the minister and Mr. McCurdy the people.

In the afternoon a number of reports were read and approved. Messrs. James D. Murray and Stephen G. Lawson were examined with a view to entering the Hall for the third year. Mr. Joshua Burgess was examined for the first year. All the examinations were satisfactory, and the students were certified accordingly. Mr. Robert Murray applied for further leave for Rev. William Murray to abstain from his ministerial duties on account of his health. Leave was granted; and the following supply was appointed for his congregation: First Sabbath of December, Rev. William Forlong. Second Sabbath of December, Rev. H. D. Steele.

Papers from South Cornwallis were again read asking for a Supplement from the Home Mission Board. The Presbytery directed the Clerk to inform the Session that no supplement can be granted to any congregation but by the Synod, and that at this distance of time from the meeting of Synod, the Presbytery decline to give any favorable reply.—The next meeting of Presbytery will be held (D.V.) in the College Hall, on the second Wednesday of December, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

This Presbytery held four meetings for Presbyterial visitation on the 5th and 6th of Nov. in the various sections of the congregation of Wallace, the Cove, Wallace Village, the Gulf Shore, and Pugwash. Divine Service was held in all these places, conducted by the Rev. J. Watson at Wallace Village, and the Gulf Shore, and by the Rev. T. Sedgwick at the Cove and Pugwash.

The usual questions were put and answered in a satisfactory manner. It was evident that all parties were faithful and efficient in the discharge of duty, and that the congrega-

tion was steadily advancing in all that pertains to the true well-being of a Christian people. In no part of the congregation was evidence of progress more discernible than in Pugwash where chiefly through the exertions of Mr. Munro, a commodious, and comfortable place of worship has lately been opened, with most encouraging prospects of success.

On the following day, Nov. 7th. the Presbytery met at Goose River for the same purpose. After sermon by the Rev. John Munro, substantially the same report has to be made of this congregation. It is yet with them in some respects a day of small things, but there is every reason to think that their worst difficulties have been surmounted, and that their future is full of promise.

A letter was read from the Presbytery of Truro, complaining of irregularity on the part of Rev. W. S. Darragh, in preaching and dispensing ordinances at River Hebert, which place they assert is within their bounds. The Presbytery unanimously agreed that before taking any steps in the matter the Presbytery of Truro be respectfully requested to point out the grounds on which they make the assertion that River Hebert is included within their bounds.

The Presbytery agreed to give monthly service to Wentworth during the winter. The Rev. J. Watson to begin the same on the Second Sabbath of December.

The next meeting was appointed to be held at Tatamagouche on the fourth Tuesday of January.

THANKSGIVING.—A day of public thanksgiving was held last month in Nova Scotia. Have we not all a great many reasons for gratitude for the GIVER OF ALL GOOD? Surely we have; and there are many ways in which we can express our feelings. The poor are always with us.—The heathen are waiting for the light of the Gospel. Our Home Missions need to be better supported and more widely extended. The ministers of the Gospel need to be better paid. Within our own beloved Zion, and outside of it, there are many channels for our beneficence.

LETTERS FROM THE NEW HEBRIDES.

The January number of the *Record* will contain valuable letters from the South Seas. Now that Rev. Dr. Geddie and Mrs. Geddie are at their post we hope to have more than the usual supply of Missionary Letters.