

They besought the Trustees to keep the aim of \$500 per annum steadily before their minds and to spare no effort, backed by organization and zeal, to reach that ideal. Your deputies conclude by expressing the great gratification they felt at the eagerness manifested both by the office-bearers and people to know more of the rules and regulations of the Church, most of those present affirming that they had never heard or seen the questions put to them on the occasion. A promise was made that their wishes would be attended to at an early day.

Presbytery of Truro.

This Presbytery, as appointed and according to intimation in the *Witness*, met for visitation and other business at Economy, on Thursday, the 5th Sept. As usual in this place, the whole congregation was in attendance, Economy from end to end having very much the appearance of a Sabbath. Congregational matters were found in a healthy, prosperous condition. The minister's answers to the questions of the formula were all very satisfactory. He is abundant in labours wisely dividing his time to the various departments of ministerial and pastoral work. The elders, in general, watch carefully over the Spiritual well-being of the people. They all, except such as are prevented by age or infirmity, attend and take part in prayer meetings. They are all, as we understood, engaged in Sabbath School teaching. This department of the Lord's work is accordingly, as might be expected, in a very efficient state. In the fulfilling of their obligations to their minister, Economy continues to maintain the same punctuality for which it has long been famous. The other section is still much the same as throughout its past history. Dr. McCulloch addressed the minister, doing it with all his wonted tact and pathos. Mr. Byers spoke to the elders, setting before them clearly, the dignity of their office, the importance of its labours and the way in which efficiently to discharge its duties. The clerk addressed the managers and the people.

In conversation, the question was raised, whether the promised salary of \$600 should now be paid in Dominion Currency, or in the old Nova Scotian Currency? Several leading persons in the congregation spoke, intimating to the Presbytery that they had no intention of paying their minister in a depreciated currency. Whatever might be said of obligation, they would certainly make all payments in Dominion Currency. In this they were commended. They were, however, reminded that it was high time to increase considerably the sum promised. The amount is still the same as it

was when their present minister was inducted, although the expense of living has greatly increased, and the material prosperity with the appearance of the place and people greatly changed. It is but fair to add that this congregation does probably, more than any other in supplementing their minister's salary, by presents, and in other similar ways. It would certainly be much better to increase the salary, by, at least \$200, and then do in presents, &c., as they may think proper.

Mr. Edwin Smith, preacher, under call to Middle Stewiacke and Brookfield, delivered a Sermon and a lecture, read an exercise and additions, and was examined, as had been prescribed, in Greek, Hebrew, Church History and Theology. The whole were cordially approved and unanimously sustained as trials for ordination.

Dr. McCulloch, who had been appointed to moderate in a call at Coldstream, reported that he had fulfilled the appointment, and that the call had come out in favor of Mr. Jacob Layton, preacher of the Gospel. The call was laid on the table signed by 86 elders and members, communicants in good standing. There was an accompanying paper signed by 72 adherents. The report was received, and the call sustained as a regular Gospel call regularly proceeded in. This new congregation, through the fostering care of the Truro Session, has in the course of a few months become well organized and fitted for a career of usefulness.

Mr. McKay reported that he had supplied the first congregation of Maitland and Noel, not three Sabbaths as had been appointed, but two Sabbaths, Mr. McKinnon being unable at the time to continue longer than one Sabbath in his congregation. He further reported that he had, as appointed, held meetings within the bounds of the congregations of Maitland and Noel to both congregations, and call meetings for the purpose of considering the uniting of the 1st and 2nd congregations, and dividing them into the "Congregation of Maitland" and the "Congregation of Noel." Mr. Ross, with Mr. Chase alternate, was appointed along with him a Committee to attend said meetings, advise as may be required, and report.

Mr. McKinnon was appointed to preach for Mr. McKay, on Sabbath absent.

Next meeting at Brookfield, on Tuesday, Oct. 3rd., for the ordination of Mr. Smith, and other business.

A. L. WYLLIE, Clerk.

Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

This Presbytery met at Tatamagouche on Sept. 5th. The Rev. John Munro was appointed Moderator, and Rev. T. Sedgwick Clerk for the current year. The Remit of