

Sermon, Matthew iii. 11, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire"; Exercise and Additions, Gal. iii. 22-24; Church History, century XVI.; Theology, Socinian controversy; Hebrew, Isaiah liii.; Greek, N. T. Ad apes Lib. Read reports of missionary labour performed by the Rev. J. D. Murray and Mr. J. D. Murray, and ordered the balances due them to be paid out of the Home Mission Fund.

The Revs. Messrs. Ross, Sutherland and MacKinnon reported that, according to appointment as a committee to settle church sites in Lochaber and Goshen, they visited that congregation, and after making themselves thoroughly acquainted with the locality, recommended that the congregation build two churches,—one for Lochaber section, at the upper end of the lake near the cross roads, and the other, to accommodate South River and Goshen, in a certain field on Mr. George Hattie's farm near South River lake; and that the meeting held in Goshen church to consider this matter, and composed of parties from the various sections of the congregation, agreed to this recommendation, and gave the committee a cordial and unanimous vote of thanks.—The Presbytery adopted the committee's report and approved of their diligence.

The clerk was instructed to advertise "The Mackenzie Bursary" in terms of the will. The following appointments were made:—The Rev. A. P. Miller to supply Merigomish on the fourth Sabbath of this month; the Rev. Mr. Forbes to supply it on the second Sabbath of September, and on the fifth Sabbath of September to preach in Wine Harbour; Mr. Howard Archibald to preach in Antigonish during the first four Sabbaths of September, and on the fifth Sabbath to preach in Goshen. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Primitive Church, New Glasgow, on the second Tuesday, 8th October, at 11 a.m. Concluded with the benediction.

JOHN MACKINNON, *Clerk.*

Presbytery of Truro.

This Presbytery, according to appointment, met, August 13th, at Maitland, the Rev. J. I. Baxter, moderator. There were present besides him the Rev. Messrs. Crow, Byers, Ross, Wyllie, McKay, Currie, McLellan and Stewart. Commissions were received from first Session Maitland and Noel for Mr. Alexander O'Brien, from Economy and Five Islands for Mr. James Graham, and from second Session Maitland and Noel for Mr. Robert Logan. Of these Mr. Logan was present. The visitation of the second congregation was a pleasing service. This small but spirited congregation is in many respects a model. The answers of minister, of elders, of session, and of ma-

nagers, indicated an earnest desire on the part of all to discharge efficiently the duties of their position. There are three Sabbath Schools, presided over by 18 teachers and attended by 135 pupils. In addition to these the minister has Bible classes, attended by 130 young persons. There are thus 265 of the youth of the congregation enjoying the benefits of class instruction.

The minister stated that at the close of last year the congregation had paid him \$92 in addition to his stipulated salary; and, unasked by him, had for the future added \$100 to his salary.

The congregation also, during the course of the year, contributed \$280.26 to the schemes of the church, with several collections for other religious and benevolent purposes of which the Presbytery did not take a particular account.

The first congregation was visited on the following day. This one has, unawares, allowed her younger sister to get the start of her in some material points. It is to be hoped that she will soon assert again her priority of position, after which, the clerk of Presbytery will have much pleasure in reporting the particulars of the praiseworthy rivalry.

Mr. James Sinclair, preacher of the gospel, who had accepted the call to Springside congregation, Stewiacke, appearing, gave in his several trials for ordination.—These were not only readily sustained, as indicating abilities and attainments authorizing to set him apart to the work of the ministry, but also highly approved, as giving promise of one who might be an able minister of the New Testament.

Messrs. Grant and Layton, students of Theology of the first year, were examined and ordered to be again certified to the Hall. Appointed to meet at Springside, on Wednesday, Sept. 11th, at 11 o'clock, forenoon, for the ordination of Mr. Sinclair. Mr. Currie to preach, Mr. Byers narrate the steps and put the questions of the formula, Dr. Smith to ordain, Mr. Ross to address the minister, and Mr. McKay the people.

A. L. WYLLIE, *Clerk.*

Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax met at Shelburne on the 14th, and at Locke's island on the 15th inst. In the former place service was conducted by Rev. D. McMillan, and in the latter by Rev. E. McNab.—There were present, Rev. George Christie, moderator, *pro tem.*, George M. Clark, Donald McMillan, Matthew G. Henry and E. McNab, ministers, and Philip Bower, ruling elder. The Presbytery entered upon the consideration of Rev. Mr. Clarke's demission; and having heard representatives