

The Presbytery having been duly constituted by the Rev J McLean the Moderator, Mr McKinnon proceeded to deliver the trial exercises prescribed by the Presbytery. These were as follows: An expository and Practical Lecture on Isaiah ch. xlv. v. 22-25; a popular sermon on 1 Cor. ch. iii. v. 2, Critical Exercise on Acts ch. ii. v. 26 and 27; Examination on Church History, Greek and Hebrew; in Church History, Reformation in England in Hebrew, the Book of Jonah; and in Greek, the New Testament *ad aperturam libri*.

The Lecture and discourse were delivered, the Critical Exercise was read, and the examination in Church History conducted by question and answer.

All the exercises afforded satisfactory evidences of diligent preparation, and proficient scholarship, and were, as trials for license, unanimously sustained.

The Presbytery having reason to be satisfied as regards the piety of Mr McKinnon, and the purity of his motives for seeking admission to the Gospel ministry, and having received satisfactory replies to the questions usually proposed on such occasions licensed him to preach the everlasting Gospel.

Suitable directions having been tendered by the moderator, the young Brother was solemnly commended in prayer to the care and guidance of the great Master above. May He furnish him largely with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the true seal of the Great Commission, and make him the instrument of winning many souls to Jesus and to Glory!

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.—The Presbytery of Pictou met *pro re nata* after the funeral of the Rev Robert Blackwood in Tatamagouche on Tuesday, 15th ult. Mr Blackwood's name was removed from the roll, and the Rev James Watson, who had previously been engaged to preach at New Annan on the Sabbath following, was appointed to intimate the vacancy and improve the event to the congregation. The Presbytery also entered into arrangements for collecting arrears due to Mr Blackwood, and also for the future supplying of the congregation with preaching.

The Presbytery again met at Green Hill on the 22nd, when the Rev George Walker reported that, according to appointment of Presbytery, he had moderated in a call from the congregation of

Central Church, West River, which had come out unanimously in favor of the Rev George Christie of Yarmouth. The said call was now laid upon the table of Presbytery and sustained, and the Clerk was appointed to transmit the same to the Presbytery of Halifax, that it may be proceeded with according to the rules of the Church. A letter was read from Mr Daniel Fraser, student of Theology, intimating that from continued ill health he had felt it his duty to relinquish his desire of prosecuting his studies with a view to the Holy Ministry. The Presbytery expressed their sympathy with him and their hope that the Great Head of the Church might so far restore him as to enable him to serve God in the ministry of his Son. The committee appointed at last meeting to correspond with the brethren of the Prince Edward Island Presbytery regarding the Church at Charlotte Town reported their proceedings, and submitted to the inspection of the Presbytery plans which they had obtained for a building. The committee was continued and directed to forward the plans to the Island Presbytery and farther correspond with them in carrying forward the measure. Supply of preaching from members of Presbytery was appointed to the congregation of New Annan during the months of January and February, and by probationers for the congregations of West River, Central Church, West River, West Branch, East River, Mabou and Baddeck. Next meeting was appointed to be held at Antigonish for Presbyterial visitation on Tuesday, 9th February, at 11 o'clock, sermon by the Rev James Bayne.

Notices, Acknowledgments, &c

TO OUR AGENTS AND SUBSCRIBERS.—With our present number will be forwarded to our agents and subscribers bills for the sums due by them up till the end of the year. Should any errors appear in the accounts parties are requested to point them out without delay, but we would more earnestly request that the amounts due for the two last years be forwarded without delay, and also that the amounts for the present year be forwarded as speedily as possible. We have just one word to say to agents and subscribers, upon their diligence in obtaining subscriptions and their punctuality in forwarding them during the present year depends the question whether the periodical shall be continued longer than the present year. If from neglect on their part it should fail, we have done our duty.