

Elder in Presbyteries and Synod during the ensuing year was read and sustained, and his name added to the Roll.

George Mackay, Esq., and Mr. Hugh Mackenzie, from Scotsburn, and Mr. Murdoch Munroe, from Saltsprings appeared as Commissioners from these places requesting the Presbytery to grant them a moderation in a call to the Rev. Alexander Stirling. They stated that the stipend promised is \$600, Scotsburn paying \$400 and Saltsprings \$200. Their request was granted, and the Rev. Alexander Ross was appointed to preach in Scotsburn Church on Tuesday March 14th, at 11 A. M., and Moderate in the Call accordingly.

The Rev. Mr. Roddick was appointed to preach in Scotsburn Church on the 1st Sabbath of March, at 4 P. M., and give intimation of the Moderation, and the Rev. Mr. Sinclair to do the same in Saltsprings Church, on the same Sabbath.

The Rev. Dr. Bayne reported that according to appointment he had preached in James' Church, on Feb 14th, and in the usual manner moderated in a Call, which came out unanimously for the Rev. Edward A. McCurdy, that it was signed by the Rev. Dr. Roy, 5 Elders, 121 Communicants, and 67 Adherents, that it was duly attested, and that Messrs. John Miller, Abraham Patterson, and John A. Fraser were appointed Commissioners to support it before this Presbytery and the Presbytery of Halifax. His conduct was sustained and his diligence commended.

The Commissioners being present stated that the stipend promised at present is \$700 a year payable quarterly in advance, that they hoped to increase it as soon as possible to \$800, and that in addition to this sum they are paying to their late venerable pastor, the Rev. Dr. Roy, \$200 a year as a retiring allowance. The Call having been read was sustained as a regular Gospel Call, and the Clerk instructed to transmit both it and the reasons for translation as soon as possible to the Presbytery of Halifax.

The Rev. Dr. Bayne was appointed as a Commissioner from this Presbytery to support the said Call before the Presbytery of Halifax.

The Rev. Mr. Blair submitted the following resolution of which he had given notice at the last meeting of Presbytery, viz:—

Whereas a resolution has been recently introduced into and adopted by the Presbytery of Halifax the tendency of which is to undermine the authority of the Confession of Faith, and to cast "grave doubts" on its doctrine respecting the subject of marriage within the prohibited degrees, Resolved that this Presbytery deprecate any such tampering with our venerable standard and hereby declare their firm and unaltered adherence

to the doctrines contained in it on the subject of marriage.

It was agreed that this motion in the mean time lie on the table.

The Presbytery agreed to hold their next meeting in James Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, April 4th, at 11 A. M., for ordinary business.

JOHN MACKINNON, Clerk.

Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

This Presbytery met at Wallace on the 8th and 9th of Nov., for the visitation of the congregation. The questions of the Formula were put to the various parties and answered on the whole in a very satisfactory manner. The Minister, Elders and Managers are faithful in the discharge of their duties. There are two Bible Classes, average attendance 50. Six Sabbath Schools, 20 teachers and attendance 113. Library about 300 volumes. Contributions were made during the year to all the Schemes of the Church, amounting to \$70.23½. The stipend paid amounted to \$383.05. A deeper interest in spiritual things of late was reported. A Catechist had been employed during the past summer. On the whole the Presbytery were greatly pleased with the condition of the congregation, and they drew up a finding to that effect, which the minister was enjoined to read to the congregation. At this meeting a conference was held with a Committee appointed by the Presbytery of Pictou in connection with the sister body, the result of which has already appeared in the Record.

The Presbytery met again at Tatamagouche on Jan. 17th, for the visitation of the congregation. The questions of the Formula were put and answered on the whole in a satisfactory manner. There are 3 Bible Classes, average 70. 4 Sabbath Schools, 29 teachers, 180 pupils, 500 vols. in Library. Contributions were made to all the Schemes of the Church amounting to \$118.00. The stipend paid was \$600, and all the obligations of the congregation to their minister had been discharged. Between thirty and forty had been added during the past year to the Communion Roll, the debt on the church had been paid, and it had been agreed to enlarge it if possible during the present year. A printed statement of the financial affairs of the congregation was also laid on the table. A finding embodying these facts and expressive of the Presbytery's satisfaction with the condition of the congregation was agreed upon, and the minister was enjoined to read the same to the people on the first convenient opportunity.

At this meeting the conference with the Committee of the sister Presbytery was re-