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Meetings of Halifax Presbytery.

THIS court met in St. Matthew's Church on the 5th August, according to appointment. Members present were the Rev. G. W. Stewart, Moderator, and Rev. Messrs. Martin, Boyd, and Grant, ministers; Representative Elders—Mr. W. A. Hesson, and Mr. James Marshall. The Rev. Mr. Philip, missionary at Truro, being present, was requested to sit and deliberate at all meetings. The Rev. Mr. Grant having been appointed Moderator for the ensuing year, the minutes of last ordinary meeting, as also those of a *pro re nata* meeting, were read and sustained. Mr. Grant reported that according to instructions, he had been in communication with the Rev. D. McKae, Newfoundland, and that without corresponding with the Colonial Committee, he had learned that there was a clear understanding with the Presbytery of Pictou as to the appointment of Mr. Philip to Truro; and that he had written to Musquodoboit and Truro anent ministerial support.

There was laid on the table a communication from the congregation at Little River, Musquodoboit; and Peter Cruikshanks, Esq. appearing as delegate from that congregation, and £80 being promised for the ensuing year, the Presbytery agreed to continue Mr. Stewart's entire services at Musquodoboit.

There was laid on the table a communication from Truro; and Mr. Peter Archibald appearing as delegate therefrom, and £75 currency being promised for the year for Mr. Philip's services, the Presbytery instructed Mr. Philip to continue to labor at Truro and its vicinity.

It was reported by Mr. Stewart that he had received from Musquodoboit, for the past half year, £21 5s. 3d., and from the Halifax Missionary Association, £25. The Clerk was instructed to furnish him with the usual certificate for drawing the balance of his salary from the Colonial Committee. The Moderator and Clerk were appointed a committee for carrying out certain instructions of the Presbytery in communicating with the Colonial Committee and with the Churches at Musquodoboit and Truro.

The next meeting was appointed for the first Wednesday of November, Mr. Philip to preach the Presbytery sermon.

An ordinary meeting of this court was held in St. Matthew's Church on the 4th Novem-

ber. Present—the Rev. Mr. Grant, Moderator, Rev. Messrs. Martin, Boyd, and Stewart, ministers, and Mr. W. A. Hesson, Elder. After prayer by the Moderator, the minutes of last ordinary meeting were read and approved of as correct.

Mr. Martin reported that since the last meeting, he had been able to visit and preach at various places throughout the bounds of the Synod.

Mr. Stewart reported that he had been wholly employed in ministerial work at Musquodoboit. He laid on the table £17 2s. 6d. of arrears, with a letter from the Church intimating the same, and explaining that something additional may be expected by the next meeting. At this most encouraging state of things at Musquodoboit, the Presbytery express high satisfaction.

The Moderator reported that the Clerk and he, obeying the Presbytery's instructions, had written to the Colonial Committee, and to Musquodoboit and Truro, on the matters enjoined. The Colonial Committee, by letter, intimated that they allow for Truro £60, and for Musquodoboit £30 sterling, for one year, in both cases. They cannot depart from their usual practice, in reference to the building grant at Truro.

The Presbytery resolved to institute a Presbyterial Home Mission Fund, exhorting all ministers and missionaries within their bounds to raise in their respective congregations and stations, as large sums as possible to enable the Presbytery to meet engagements to the missionaries within their bounds. Mr. John Doull to be requested to act as Treasurer, and the sums now in the Presbytery's hands to be paid in to him.

The Clerk was ordered to instruct Mr. Philip to furnish the Presbytery with a written report of his labours, at next ordinary meeting; also, that he is appointed to supply service in Halifax, on the fourth Sabbath of this month, and to preach the next Presbytery sermon.

The next meeting was appointed for the first Wednesday of February, 1864.

Halifax Young Men's Christian Association.

THE second lecture of the present course before this Association was delivered at Temperance Hall on Tuesday evening last. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, nearly every seat was occupied, and—what was remarkable for the gatherings under this association lately,—the greater portion of this large audience was composed of the sterner sex. His Worship the Mayor occupied the chair. After singing and prayer, the chairman introduced the Rev. Mr. Grant as the lecturer for the evening. In opening his address, Mr. Grant stated that he was hardly