

we say *meanness*?—on the part of some congregations that were willing to receive the services of ministers while making most inadequate provision for their temporal support. An effort is to be made to remedy this clamant evil.

The whole proceedings of the Synod were marked with the utmost harmony of sentiment and cordiality of spirit. There were occasional differences, and discussions, which were conducted with warmth, but everything was done and spoken as became christian gentlemen. We cannot but feel and acknowledge with gratitude that the Head of the Church heard prayer on behalf of our Synod—that He has watched over its deliberations and given a large measure of His Spirit to the members. To His name be all the praise!

The reports, &c., which we have to publish this month, compel us to omit our notes on the Sabbath School Lessons. The reports of the Synodical Committee's should be read with care by all who wish to be well versed in the Church's work.

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met in Queen's Square Church, on 25th July. There were present, Rev. Messrs. Munro, Moderator; Patterson, I. Murray, Allan, Crawford, Fraser, A. Cameron, Laird, Ross, Frame, Falconer, Stewart, and D. W. Cameron, ministers; and Messrs. J. Henderson, W. H. Hyde, John McKay, and John Clark, elders. In the absence of the Clerk, Rev. Mr. Laird was appointed to that office, *pro tem*.

The Presbytery then proceeded to the election of a Moderator and Clerk for the current year, when the Rev. Mr. Crawford was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Mr. Falconer Clerk. On Mr. Sutherland's retiring from the Clerkship, which he had held for several years, the Presbytery agreed to record their satisfaction with the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of that office, and enjoined those Sessions still in arrears to him to make payment without delay. The Rev. Thos. Sedgwick being present, was invited to a seat as a corresponding member.

Mr. John Keir Bearisto, theological student, delivered his trials for license. These exercises were highly satisfactory to the Presbytery, and were cordially sustained, whereupon Mr. Bearisto was licensed to preach the everlasting gospel. Mr. Laird,

as a member of the Synod's committee on Colportage, brought this subject under the consideration of the Presbytery, when it resolved to instruct Mr. Laird to use all diligence to provide a suitable colporteur for this Island, in order to counteract the injurious effects produced by certain persons now employed in this capacity, and to provide for our people a class of literature of which this Presbytery can approve. Mr. Henderson, elder, having been mentioned as a person suitable for Colporteur, Mr. Laird was authorized to make such arrangements with him as he may see fit.

Mr. Murray introduced to the notice of Presbytery the necessity of a more adequate provision for the gospel ministry. This subject was discussed at some length, during which it was clearly shown that the support of the ministry on this Island was considerably beneath that of most other parts of the Church, and entirely inadequate. Messrs. Murray, Laird, Ross, and Frame were appointed a committee to draw up some practical recommendations on this subject, and lay them before next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Bearisto was appointed to Tyron and Bonshaw during the month of August, and to Murray Harbor for September. Mr. John G. Cameron was appointed to Murray Harbor for August, and to Tyron and Bonshaw for September.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Summerside, on the third Tuesday of September, at 2 o'clock, p.m., for the transaction of ordinary business; and in the evening at six o'clock, for the Presbyterial visitation of the congregation,—Mr. I. Murray to preach, Mr. Patterson to address the minister, Mr. Fraser the elders, and Mr. Falconer the managers and people.

Presbytery of Halifax.

This Presbytery met at the Gore, Hants County, on Tuesday, the 7th August.—Present, Rev. J. McLean, (moderator,) Revs. R. Sedgwick, Cameron, Macleod, Maxwell, Murray, Annand and McCurdy, and Revs. Thos. S. Crowe and John Currie, corresponding members. The chief business was the ordination and induction of Mr. Simpson. Mr. McCurdy preached on Col. i. 27, 28. Mr. Cameron narrated the steps, put the questions of the formula to Mr. Simpson, and offered up the ordination prayer, when Mr. Simpson was solemnly set apart to the work of the holy ministry. Mr. Maxwell addressed the minister, and Mr. Sedgwick the people.—Mr. Crowe then led in prayer and praise. Mr. Simpson's name was added to the roll and the people welcomed their minister with great cordiality. The proceedings were very interesting and impressive, and were witnessed by a large congregation.—