

sion. In case Mr. Gordon should accept of the call from Annapolis, his trials were appointed to be heard at West Cornwallis, after the induction of Mr. Steele, and the following Thursday appointed for his ordination.

The demission of Rev. Hugh McMillan was accepted and Rev. George Clark appointed to declare the charge vacant.

Several remits from the Synod were attended to, and also some memorials considered, and a variety of other business not of much public interest.

#### PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND.

This Presbytery met on Wednesday, the 23d. April, in the Free Church, Charlottetown. There were present the Rev. R. S. Patterson, Moderator, Rev. George Sutherland, clerk, Rev. D. McNeill and Rev. R. Laird, with Messrs. D. Laird and M. Gillis, elders. Many members were absent from the state of the roads. Their absence rendered it advisable to defer the consideration of general matters of importance. The report of the Committee to visit Richmond Bay congregation was given in. The people were unanimous in their desire to have the congregation divided into two, the one to include Lots 16 and 17, the other to embrace Lots 14 and 11. The ability of each session to sustain the means was hopeful and encouraging. The Presbytery resolved, in accordance with the desire of the people and the recommendation of the Committee, to divide the congregation accordingly. A petition for the moderation in a call from Lots 16 and 17 was complied with: Tuesday the 13th May was fixed as the day.—Mr. Fraser to preach and preside; intimation to be given on 1st Sabbath of May, by Mr. Gordon, probationer; the moderation to take place in Lot 16 church. Mr. Patterson was continued moderator of the session of Lots 16 and 17, and Mr. Fraser was appointed moderator of the session of Lots 14 and 11. A report of Mr. Gordon's labours was read and approved, and ordered to be sent to the H. M. Board. The reasons for complaint to Synod by Messrs. Munro, Sutherland, Ross and others were read and laid upon the table of Presbytery. No reports from West St. Peter's or Queen Square Church were forwarded to Presbytery. The Presbytery ordered the Sessions to take up the subjects remitted to them for consideration by Synod, and to report to Presbytery at the first meeting in June. The decision of the Presbytery on these subjects was deferred to a future meeting.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Charlottetown in Queen Square Church, on the 2nd Wednesday of May, at 12 o'clock noon.—*Com.*

This Presbytery met on the 14th inst., in Charlottetown. There were present the Rev. R. S. Patterson, Moderator, Rev. J. Allan, Rev. I. Murray, Rev. A. Munro, Rev. H. Crawford, Rev. George Sutherland, clerk, Rev. Allan Fraser, Rev. Donald McNeill, Rev. R. Laird, and Rev. William Ross—and Messrs. Clark, McMillan, Robertson, Laird, Bearisto, and McLeod, elders.

The trials for ordination of Mr. A. McLean were heard. Mr. McLean after engaging in prayer delivered a popular sermon from John 1. ch. 20. v.; a Lecture from Matt. 23. ch., 29 v.; to the end; a Homily from Psalm 46. 1-3 v.; and an Exercise and addition from I. Peter, 3. ch., 19 v. He was also examined in Greek and Hebrew, and in Church History and Theology. The Presbytery, being alone, took a conjunct view of those trials, and agreed to sustain them. At a future sederunt, it was resolved that Mr. McLean's ordination should take place at Dundas, on the 19th June,—the edict to be served by Mr. Crawford, in suitable time.—Mr. Munro to preach in Gaelic, and preside; Mr. Ross to preach in English, and afterwards address the congregation; and Mr. Crawford to address the minister. Mr. Crawford reported that he had moderated in a Call at West St. Peter's, and at Queen Square, Charlottetown; that both Calls were in favor of Mr. A. Falconer, Probationer; that the former was signed by 59 members, and 39 adherents,—the latter by 29 members and 47 adherents, females being included in each case. The report from West St. Peter's was received and the call sustained unanimously. But in the case of Queen Square, those who opposed the moderation refused to receive the report or sustain the call. A majority, however, carried the motion in both instances. The vote stood thus: for sustaining the call—Rev. Messrs. Allan, Murray, Crawford, Fraser and Laird, and Messrs. Clarke, Bearisto and D. Laird, elders; against sustaining the call till the case is heard by the Synod, Rev. Messrs. Munro, Sutherland, McNeill and Ross, and Messrs. McMillan, and McLeod, elders. Mr. Robertson, elder from the Free Church, Charlottetown, was out at the time the vote was taken, but came in, in time to join with the minority in a new protest and complaint to Synod. Mr. Falconer stated, on the calls being placed in his hands by the Moderator, that his mind was not made up to close in, as yet, with either call, and craved time for consideration. It was moved and seconded that in hope Mr. Falconer may accept one of the calls, trials for ordination be now prescribed. The motion was lost by a majority of one.

The statistical returns of Synod came under discussion, when it was moved and agreed to that Presbytery call the attention of Ministers and Sessions to the duty of making the statistical returns as full and as accurate as possible. The deficiencies in ministerial support, called forth a resolution that special efforts should be made during Presbyterial visitations to raise the standard of support.

Rev. Messrs. Allan and Murray, and Mr. D. Laird, elder, were appointed a committee, by the majority interested in the case, to answer reasons of protest and complaint to Synod. Mr. Fraser reported that he had moderated in a call at Lot 16—that the call was in favor of Mr. Frame, Probationer; but that it was not yet ready to be laid before the Presbytery.—The certificates of attendance at college, during the usual terms, of Mr. John A. F. Sutherland, student in divinity, were received