

partially attained from want of adequate notice, and the success of the collection prevented by the forgetfulness of somebody whose duty was to announce it, while heavy rains in a few cases prevented a full attendance. We have heard the meetings at New Glasgow, Sherbrooke, Truro and Halifax spoken of as answering well to the ideal of what such meetings ought to be, and it is quite possible that others, of which we have so far heard nothing special, may have been equally impressive and profitable. The receipts in cash from these meetings will be found acknowledged in another page.

The receipts of a still higher kind, in answer to prayer, may, and we trust will, be experienced in the gifts and graces, in the encouragement and success, not merely of our young brother and his wife sharing in his work, but also of those who have gone before them, and who have for years been enduring the toil and heat of the day.

News of the Church.

Presbytery of Halifax.

This Presbytery met at Newport, on Wednesday, 30th Sept., at 1 o'clock p.m. Rev. J. K. Smith preached from Heb. 12 : 28. The congregation of St. Croix and Ellershouse appeared by commissioners, setting forth their desire and ability to maintain their position as a self-sustaining charge. Their prosperity during the summer, while under the care of Mr. Scott, Catechist, has been very encouraging. The Presbytery agreed to grant them as much supply as possible during the winter.

A petition from part of Rev. Mr. Logan's congregation in Cornwallis, desiring to be erected into a separate charge, was granted, and Rev. Mr. Mowitt appointed to make known the decision of Presbytery to the congregation. A petition from a large number of individuals in Wolfville, requesting supply of preaching from the Presbytery, was received. The Presbytery agreed to place Wolfville under the charge of the Cornwallis session. The complaint of Mr. Leck against the session of Musquodoboit, was not sustained. The Presbytery was unanimously of opinion that, though there may have been a slight oversight on the part of the session in formally executing the letter of the law, yet the spirit of the

law had been fully carried out, and substantial justice had been done to Mr. Leck in the case.

It was agreed to defer the remit of Synod and ancient union till next meeting of Presbytery.

Letters from Rev. Mr. Thorburn, of Bermuda, and a call to Mr. Junor, a Catechist, who has been labouring in that island during the summer, were read. Mr. Junor was instructed to take his license in the Presbytery under whose jurisdiction he is placed as a theological student, and then repair to the Halifax Presbytery for ordination and designation to his field of labour.

After attending to the routine business, the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Musquodoboit, on the 3rd Wednesday of Nov., at 2 o'clock p.m., for Presbyterial visitation and ordinary business.

Presbytery of Truro.

Presbytery met at Upper Maccan church, at 3½ p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd. Ten ministers were present; but no elders. The Presbytery proceeded with the visitation of the Section. The number of families is very small. There are two elders and one manager. The Parrsborough section was visited on Wednesday. Present: the Moderator, Messrs. Sinclair and Grant, and the Clerk. The congregation was very small, owing to the unfavorable state of the weather. After the examination of both sections, the following resolution was passed:—

"The Presbytery are pleased to find upon examination of Parrsborough congregation, that minister, elders and people are endeavoring to discharge their respective duties. They sympathize with Mr. McKinnon in the hardship and difficulties connected with his extensive and scattered field of labor.

They regret to find that the pecuniary engagements of the congregation are not so promptly and satisfactorily implemented as could be desired; but they are of opinion that this arises not so much from a reluctance on the part of the people to discharge their duty, as from the want of some general and well-defined system of raising the salary. And they would earnestly recommend, accordingly, that a more thorough system of organization, both as respects the financial and spiritual working of the congregation, be devised and put into operation without unnecessary delay."

The Presbytery are gratified to learn that a weekly prayer meeting is maintained in the Village, and they would urge upon minister and elders the importance of having either District or Cottage prayer meetings established in the other sections of the congregation. They would also recommend