

hear thee." It was under the influence of views such as these that he reminded Timothy, in his second epistle that "no man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." Every minister of the gospel occupies the office of a watchman, and the responsibilities of that office are thus stated by God himself, (Ezekiel xxxiii. 6-8) "But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word of my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked man from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand."—The Apostle Paul says to Timothy (2 Tim. iv. 1, 2), "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and doctrine."—This charge is applicable to every minister of the gospel. They are all appointed to watch for "souls as they that must give account." Each one of them must study to show himself "approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Where this is neglected it is not his everlasting interests alone that are endangered, but the souls also of those whom he thus neglects. Have these things been duly considered in those numerous districts where the people are satisfied to live on from year to year without a pastor, or with one whose mind is distracted by other cares from which they ought to have relieved him, or with one who must give the most of his time it may be to other avocations in order to procure that support for himself which they withhold; and all this, not because God has not blessed them with the means of making a better provision, but because they have not the heart to submit to those pecuniary sacrifices which a regard to their own best interests calls upon them to make?

FREE PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

This court held its ordinary meeting on the 29th day of December. The members present were the Rev. Professor Lyall, Moderator pro tempore, the Rev. Professor King, the Rev. Alexander Forrester, and Mr. Edward Taylor, Ruling Elder from Dartmouth.

After the reading of the minutes, the moderator and Mr. Forrester reported that they had fulfilled the appointment made at last meeting as to corresponding with the congregations at Newfoundland and Bermuda respectively, but had not yet received any reply.

Compeared Mr. George Sutherland, preacher of the gospel, and gave in a written Report of his missionary labours in the districts of Lawrencetown, Lake Porter, and Musquodoboit Harbour.—The Report, to which attention may be directed in a following number, was highly approved of, and the thanks of the Presbytery were given to Mr. Sutherland for the diligence and efficiency with which he had discharged the duties of his mission.

Compeared also Mr. William Anderson, from Musquodoboit Harbour, Mr. Charles Taylor, Elder, from Lawrencetown, and Mr. Robert Ogilvie Innes, from Lake Porter, deputed by the congregations in their respective districts to attend this meeting of Presbytery. Having produced evidence that their pecuniary engagements with Mr. Sutherland had been fulfilled, they desired, on the part of those whom they represented, a renewal of Mr. Sutherland's engagement for a year, with a promise to make a similar provision for him as before, and the expression of a hope that they will be able to increase it. After conversation with the parties, it was moved and agreed to, that Mr. Sutherland be continued as a missionary in these districts, for six months from the first day of January; the people engaging to secure him a remuneration at least equal to what he has already received.

The usual supplies were then appointed, of which the following remain to be fulfilled:

Jan. 30th.	Dartmouth—Mr. Lyall.
" "	St. John's—Mr. King.
Feb. 6th.	Dartmouth—Mr. King.
" "	St. John's—Mr. Forrester.
" "	Goodwood—Mr. Lyall.
" 13th	Dartmouth—Mr. King.
" "	St. John's—Mr. Lyall.
" 20th	Dartmouth—Mr. Lyall.