

Reception of Ministers.

Mr. Peter Clarke, Licentiate from the Free Church of Scotland, August 7th, 1872.

Mr. John Sutherland, Licentiate from the Free Church of Scotland, August 21st, 1872.

Mr. James Rosborough, Licentiate of Presbytery of New Brunswick, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of the United States, May 7th, 1873.

Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland, from Canada Presbyterian Church, May, 1873.

The Presbytery of St. John reported that Rev. Monroe Allan had withdrawn his application to be received as a minister of this Church.

The Presbytery of Halifax unanimously recommend to place the name of the Rev. J. L. Murdoch on the Synod Roll, giving him a deliberative seat in the higher Church Courts, as the Synod has done already to several fathers of the Church who have been separated from their charges.

New Congregations.

In the Presbytery of Truro the Congregations of Bass River and Portapique, sections of Rev. A. L. Wyllie's charge were formed into one united congregation, Dec. 31st, 1872, to be known as the Congregation of Riverside.

In the Presbytery of P. E. Island, the Congregations of Souris, Grand River and Bay Fortune sections of Rev. Henry Crawford's charge were formed into one united congregation, October 18th, 1872.

In the Presbytery of Halifax, Gay's River, and Milford, portions of Rev. James McLean's charge, were constituted a separate charge, 1st January, 1873, and St. Croix disjoined from Windsor Congregation, and with Ellershause formed into a congregation, March 11th, 1873.

The Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth reported that Chebogue and Carleton sections of the Congregation of Yarmouth, had been disjoined from Yarmouth, and formed into a new congregation in August, 1872.

New Moderator.

Rev. Isaac Murray was chosen Moderator.

Business.

The following list of subjects to be dealt with, was submitted by the Committee of Bills and Overtures. It will give some idea of the amount of work before the Supreme Court of the Church:

1.—Report of the General Treasurer and Auditing Committee.

2.—Report of the Committee on Statistical Returns.

3.—Report of the Committee on Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

4.—Report of Board of Foreign Missions.

5.—Report of Board of Home Missions.

6.—Report of Committee on Union.

7.—Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

8.—Marriage Affinity Question, as postponed from last meeting of Synod.

9.—Rev. J. McKinnon's motion anent Constituent Members of the Higher Church Courts.

10.—Report of Committee on Acadia Mission.

11.—Report of Committee on the State of Religion.

12.—Report of Educational Board.

13.—Report of the Board of Superintendence of Theological Hall.

14.—Overture of Halifax Presbytery anent the Psalmody of the Church.

15.—Appointment of next meeting of Synod.

16.—Report of the Committee on Supplements.

17.—Report of the Committee on the Insurance of Churches.

18.—Report of Deputies to sister Churches.

19.—Report of Committee on Rules and Forms of Procedure.

20.—Report of Committee on Publication.

21.—Report of Committee on Temperance.

22.—Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance.

23.—Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

24.—Report of Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

25.—Report of Committee on Historical Records.

26.—Report of Committee on Public Education.

27.—Report of Committee on Standing Committees.

28.—Report of Committee on Psalmody.

29.—Report of Committees on Examining Minutes of Boards and Presbyteries.

30.—Report of Committee on Travelling Expenses.

The Committee recommended that the Synod meet daily at 9 a. m., and continue