

News of the Church.

The Presbytery of Tatamagouche

Met at Tatamagouche, on the 26th of January, and was constituted after sermon by the Rev. H. B. McKay, from Gen. xix. 26. The chief business before the Presbytery was the visitation of the congregation, which was found to be in a satisfactory condition. The other business was principally of a routine nature. The Rev. John Munro gave notice that at next meeting he would introduce an overture to Synod that means be taken by deputy, or letter, or otherwise to open up a correspondence with the Reformed Presbyterians of the Lower Provinces, with a view to union. The Rev. H. B. McKay gave notice that at next meeting he would move that the Presbytery overture the Synod on the subject of Sabbath schools. The next meeting was appointed to be held at Wallace Village for visitation and other business, on Tuesday, the 8th day of March—the Rev. Mr. McKay to preach.

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met in Queen Square Church, Charlottetown, on Wednesday the 27th inst. There were present the Revs. I. Murray, Moderator, A. Campbell, J. Allan, A. Munro, H. Crawford, G. Sutherland, Clerk, D. McNeill, R. Laird, W. Ross, H. McMillan, A. McLean, W. R. Frame, and A. Falconer, Ministers, and Mr D. Laird, Elder.

The Rev. A. Fraser was appointed to preach at Lot 14, and intimate formally the decision of the Presbytery of Halifax in regard to the call sent to the Rev. John Cameron; and also to the deep sympathy of this Presbytery in the successive disappointments to which that congregation has been subjected. The report of Mr. N. L. Campbell, probationer, of labors at West St. Peter's, Lot 14, and Tryon was received and read, and ordered to be transmitted to the H. M. Board. The report of the deputation to Cardigan was received and their diligence approved. Their efforts were attended with some measure of success. The Presbytery resolved to apply to the H. M. B. for five laborers, viz., three Probationers and two Catechists—one of the Probationers and both Catechists to be Gaelic-speaking: these laborers to be sent on the opening of the navigation.

The destitute condition of the Magdalen Islands came under consideration, and it was resolved to send a member of Presbytery thither for the month of May and June if the H. M. Board would supply his pulpit, and pay travelling expenses. Trials for

license were prescribed for Mr Barnard, student in divinity. A committee consisting of Messrs. Campbell, Allan, Murray, Sutherland, Ross and Falconer were appointed to procure an act to secure Church property: said committee to meet in Charlottetown, in the Free Church Manse, on the last Wednesday of February, at 2 p. m.

The Presbytery appointed Revs. Messrs. Falconer and Frame to visit the congregation of Covehead, and ascertain if they are able and willing to support the ordinances of religion without the former supplement from the H. M. Board.

The Revs. Messrs. Campbell, Allan, Munro, Sutherland and Falconer were appointed to draw up a letter to the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, expressing the deep sorrow of this Presbytery for the tidings of the death of the distinguished and devoted Dr John Bonar, Convener of that Committee, whose labors have been so signally beneficial to the Colonies of Britain. Mr Campbell, Probationer, was appointed for two additional Sabbaths to West St. Peter's—then for two Sabbaths to St. John's, New London—then for four Sabbaths to Lot 14, and thence for one Sabbath to Tryon.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet on the last Wednesday of March, in the Free Church, Charlottetown, at 11 a. m.—*Com.*

Presbytery of Halifax.

ORDINATION OF REV. M. G. HENRY.—The Presbytery of Halifax met at Clyde on Wednesday the 4th February, for the ordination and induction of Mr Henry. Rev William Duff preached and presided. Notwithstanding the bad condition of the roads there was a fair attendance of the congregation. Mr Henry having been duly ordained by Prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, the Rev Mr Christie addressed the young minister and the congregation on their respective duties.

On Tuesday the 16th February the Presbytery met at Shubenacadie at 10 o'clock a. m., for Presbyterial Visitation and the transaction of ordinary business. Rev William Murray preached. There were present, Rev John Cameron, Moderator, Messrs Sedgewick, McLean, William Murray, and T. Cumming, ministers, and Messrs W. H. Blanchard, W. Archibald, A. L. Archibald, and Robert Murray, ruling elders. Rev James Bayne, Picton, being present, was invited to take his seat as a member of court.

The visitation of this section of Mr McLean's congregation was highly satisfactory except in the matter of "diets of examination," and Sabbath Schools. In the evening the Presbytery met at Lower