

clair, Alex. Simpson, and John Lockerby respectively, as representative elders. The Rev. D. McNeill was chosen moderator, and Rev. A. Falconer continued Clerk, for the current year. Rev. Geo. Roddick of West River, Pictou, being present, was invited to correspond. Took up the demission of the Rev. D. W. Cameron, when Mr. Allan reported, that in carrying out the instructions of the Presbytery, he had met with the congregation, and that Commissioners had been appointed to appear at this meeting for their interests. The report was received, and Mr. Allan's diligence approved. The Commissioners having been called for, failed to appear. The Presbytery, notwithstanding their absence, felt it to be their duty to proceed with the matter, when Mr. Cameron was heard, and pressed his demission. After protracted discussion, it was agreed to accept the resignation which was accordingly done; and Mr. Allan appointed to preach at Mount Stewart, on Sabbath first, at 6½ p. m., and declare the congregation vacant. He was also instructed to meet with the congregation on the following Monday, to endeavour to secure the arrears due Mr. Cameron, and likewise appointed to act as moderator of the session during the vacancy. The following minute was then adopted:—In view of Mr. Cameron's departure from their bounds the Presbytery agree to record their sense of the diligence and fidelity with which he has discharged his duty while connected with this Presbytery, regret his removal, and express their earnest desire for his personal welfare and ministerial usefulness wherever in the providence of God he may be called to labor. At the request of the congregation, Mr. R. Cumming was appointed one month to the Free Church, Charlottetown, when he has fulfilled his present appointment of two Sabbaths to Lot 14; thence two, to Murray Harbor, and three to West St. Peters. Mr. S. Lawson was appointed three Sabbaths to West St. Peters, three to Lot 14, and three to Murray Harbor, these appointments of Mr. Lawson to commence on the first Sabbath of August. Adjourned to meet in Queen Square Church, Charlottetown, on the last Wednesday of September.

ALEX. FALCONER, *Phy. Clerk.*

Presbytery of St. John.

The Presbytery of St. John met at the Sussex Presbyterian Church on Tuesday the 21st July inst., at 10 o'clock, a. m.—There were present the Revds. A. Donald, Lewis Jack, James Gray, J. D. Murray and N. McKay, ministers. A commission was tabled in favour of Mr. Jonathan Wier, ruling elder. The Rev. J. D. Murray was

elected moderator for the current year.—The Rev. James Gray having tendered his resignation of his charge at last meeting of Presbytery the Presbytery entered upon the consideration thereof in due form. Commissioners were present from every section of this widely scattered charge. The Presbytery having heard Mr. Gray and the commissioners, entered fully upon the consideration of all the facts brought before them. It was pleasing to find the most perfect harmony and the warmest attachment existing between Mr. Gray and every section and family in his congregation. But it became plainly evident that Mr. Gray's labours must be centralized, and in order to that end, the congregation must be divided. The whole charge consists of four congregations extending in a line of fifty miles along the Kennebecasis. It was resolved therefore, to instruct the upper two and the lower two of these congregations respectively, to meet, and ascertain how much support they could severally give, providing Mr. Gray's labours were devoted exclusively to either half of his present charge, and awaiting the action of these congregations, Mr. Gray's demission was in the meantime ordered to lie on the table.

The whole afternoon Sederunt was devoted to hearing the trials for license of Mr. J. H. Chase, Student in Divinity. Mr. Chase had submitted his certificates to the Presbytery of Halifax, and that Presbytery presented the trials which were now given in with the concurrence of the Presbytery of Halifax, to the Presbytery of St. John. Those exercises were all found exceedingly creditable, and were unhesitatingly sustained. The language was *chaste*, and the sentiments evangelical, and indicated no mean ability in exposition and doctrine. He was then examined in Church History and in the Greek and Hebrew Scriptures, and after the Court had engaged in devotional exercises he was licensed to exercise his gifts as a preacher of the Gospel, and cordially welcomed as an additional labourer in the vineyard of the Lord. The Presbytery adjourned to meet again at Sussex, on the 1st of September, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax met at Cornwallis on Wednesday, 15th July. Present, Revs. J. L. Murdoch, J. McLeod, D. S. Gordon, E. Annand, J. Forrest and A. Simpson, ministers, and Messrs. Blanchard, (Windsor) and Fleming, (Halifax), Elders. Rev. D. S. Gordon, moderator. Rev. A. Simpson preached an able and appropriate sermon on 1 Kings, xix. 18. The chief object which the Presbytery had in view was the uniting of the North and South congre-