

preaching stations for supply of Mahone Bay.

Mr. Samuel Archibald was appointed to supply the congregation of Shelburne for two months from the first of March; Rev. Mr. McLean to preach at Mount Uniacke on the first Sabbath of March, and Rev. Mr. Maxwell on the third Sabbath of the same month.

The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Poplar Grove Church on the first Wednesday of April, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

J. McLEOD, *Clerk.*

Presbytery of Truro.

This Presbytery met for visitation and general business at Stewiacke, on Tuesday, 19th January, and at Springside on the following day, the Rev. W. McCulloch, D. D., Moderator. There were present, in addition to him, the Revs. J. Smith, D. D., J. Bvers, A. L. Wyllie, J. McG. McKay, J. D. McGillivray, D. Stewart, and J. Sinclair, Ministers; and Messrs. Dickie, Christie, R. Logan, and W. Logan, Ruling Elders.

In Stewiacke matters appeared, in general, in a satisfactory condition, except arrears, which ought not to be in any congregation, far less in such a congregation as Stewiacke. The managers, however, offered explanations, which so far removed the appearance of blame from the congregation as a whole. They also showed that they were making arrangements for the raising of what they had fallen behind, and had no doubt they would soon realize the whole amount. The reverend pastor of this congregation—the Rev. Dr. Smith—is at present in a weakly state of health. It is earnestly hoped he will speedily be restored to strength, long spared in his Master's work, and in the future honoured in that service even more than in the past. He seemed to be much revived by the presence and sympathy of his brethren. We have, however, just heard that having, soon thereafter, to be out in the evening on professional duty, the malady again took an unfavourable turn, and that he was unable to preach on the following Sabbath.

The affairs of Springside congregation were all found in a very promising state. The pastor has evidently since his ordination been abounding in labours. The elders, the managers and the people are respectively no less attending to what belongs to them. If any of these appeared at any time relaxing, and thus led the Pastor disheartened, to table his demission, they have again speedily awaked to duty. He has—the Presbytery advising such a course—withdrawn his demission.

All things at present indicate prosperity to this congregation, which is among the youngest in the Church, and at the same time one of the oldest and best organized in the whole body.

There were several complaints tabled by members of the Church against the action of Sessions. These were for the most part amicably settled, or matters put in a fair way to do away with differences, remove misunderstandings, and establish harmony and concord.

Papers were forwarded from the several sections of Acadia congregation expressing their warmest attachment to their esteemed pastor, the Rev. D. Stewart, and the great joy it would afford them that he should remain in his present charge, but at the same time declaring their readiness to acquiesce if he should see himself called upon to leave. Westchester having appointed the Clerk of Presbytery their commissioner, he was heard on their behalf. He pointed out the clear indications of a Divine leading in Mr. Stewart's coming to Acadia, and spoke of the way in which his labours had been blessed, but left it with Mr. Stewart to determine whether there was a Providence pointing so clearly to go elsewhere as to outweigh all this. The Moderator having made a few remarks to the same effect, presented the call from Milton. Mr. Stewart stated that after serious and prayerful consideration he had, although with much regret at being separated from the people of Acadia, and from his brethren in the Presbytery of Truro, made up his mind to accept the call, but could remain at Acadia till about the end of February. It was accordingly resolved that his demission take place on and after the third Sabbath of that month, until which he remain pastor of that congregation as heretofore. The members of Presbytery expressed their sorrow at his removal, and their hope that the Divine blessing would accompany him wherever he might go, and rest upon his labours in whatever part of the Master's field.

The Onslow congregation appeared by commissioners and petition, praying for a moderation in a call for a colleague and successor to their present pastor. The salary proposed is stated to be \$600 a year, with the intention to increase after a time. The prayer of the petition was granted, and Mr. Ross appointed to moderate in said call, in the Centre Church, Onslow, on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, at 11 o'clock, forenoon.

Next meeting at Truro on the first Tuesday of March. Sessions would much oblige by forwarding their statistical returns for the past year to

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