

and of one purse, so far. But it is due to the friendly aids and comforts afforded by the older and stronger body of Presbyterians in Truro, that progress has been so rapid and uniform as it has been. May "brotherly love continue" to demonstrate in that locality, that "there is no love lost" where it has the right heart and the right pulsation.

Mr. Wilkins enters on the duties of his new charge under very favorable auspices. In Truro, where there are so many well-filled and well-sustained Churches, there is yet need of extra accommodation; and in its surroundings, there is very much land to be possessed.—*Com.*

PROPOSED CALL TO REV. JOHN GOODWILL.

Orwell Head, P.E.I., Aug. 17, 1869.

AT the Sacramental Services held here on Saturday, Sabbath and Monday last, during which the Revds. A. McLean, T. Duncan, J. McColl and John Goodwill, officiated, the services of the Rev. J. Goodwill were so highly acceptable, and the desire of the people to give him a call to the ministry of the parish appeared to be so unanimously and ardently expressed, that the elders felt constrained to apply to some of the members of Presbytery present for leave to lay the matter before the congregation on the Monday, which was granted. Accordingly, the question was discussed at the time appointed by the clergy and elders, before the whole congregation. All the circumstances of Mr. Goodwill's position were clearly explained, shewing that it would be almost, if not altogether, impossible, now to effect the accomplishment of the people's wishes in this matter.

Mr. Goodwill also expressed himself as having little to say on the subject, referring the whole decision to the Synod; but he assured the congregation that if he were to have his choice of a people among whom to labour, of all he had yet met with in his travels, they were that people.

Notwithstanding all the difficulties that were shewn to be in the way of a call, when the question was put to the very large assembly present—"Shall we endeavour to retain Mr. Goodwill as our minister, or shall we not?" it was answered in the affirmative by the whole congregation rising to their feet as one man.

WM. MCPHAIL.

At a *pro re nata* meeting of Presbytery, held at Charlottetown, on the 19th inst., Mr. Wm. McPhail appeared as a delegate from Orwell Head Congregation. After entering fully into the circumstances of the congregation, he stated that it was the unanimous desire of the adherents of our Church there to obtain the services of the Rev. John Goodwill as their pastor, and solicited the advice of the Presbytery as to what steps should be taken towards securing that object.

The Presbytery having anxiously and deliberately considered the matter, unanimously agreed that any attempt to arrest Mr. Goodwill's intention of proceeding to the Foreign Mission field, and violating his solemn engagements with the Synod, would be injurious to the Church, and prove fatal to the prospects of the Foreign Mission, and came to the following conclusion:—

"The Presbytery having heard the statements made by Mr. McPhail, feel very deeply for the adherents of our Church at Orwell Head, and would spare no effort, nor grudge any amount of trouble, to see the breaches in that portion of our Zion repaired. The Presbytery are, however, constrained to feel that the steps taken by the Synod for the departure of Mr. Goodwill are of such a nature, and so decided, that it seems utterly impossible to suppose that his services can be secured. While assuring the congregation at Orwell Head of their deep-felt sympathy, the Presbytery would, at the same time, ask them not to be discouraged. God will provide. The hearts of all men are in the hands