

fice on slight ground. The congregation were directed to elect additional elders as soon as practicable.

The Rev. Mr. Forlong then charged Mr. John Grierson, a member of his congregation, with wantonly circulating malicious stories which he considered very injurious to his character, and requested an investigation of them by the Presbytery. It being ascertained that Mr. Grierson had no notice of these charges previous to their being read at the table of the Presbytery, the Clerk objected to the case being proceeded with until Mr Grierson had sufficient notice. Mr Grierson being present and having expressed his willingness to meet the charge then and there, it was proceeded with, and it occupied the Presbytery till after 10 o'clock on Thursday night, when the following resolution was passed: "That in the opinion of this Presbytery the charges made by Mr Grierson against Mr Forlong are altogether groundless, and so extravagant as to be unworthy of attention; and that Mr Grierson's conduct in repeating them merits reprehension." The Moderator and Clerk dissented from the above deliverance. First on the ground that it was not to the point in hand, but went beyond it, judging on matters not competently before the Court. It was Mr Forlong that brought charges against Mr Grierson—the latter acting only on the defensive. Second, on this ground that according to the evidence before the Presbytery Mr. Grierson repeated the "story" which was made the chief ground of charge only once and that to a deputation of office-bearers of the church, when waiting upon Mr Webster, accompanied with the request that they would communicate the report to Mr Forlong, so that, if possible it might be contradicted. In this there appeared no ground for reprehension; taken especially in connection with the fact that he brought forward sufficient evidence to prove that the reports were notorious before he brought them under the notice of that deputation.

Mr Grierson being dissatisfied with the deliverance of the Presbytery has appealed to the Synod. The Clerk reported that letters were on the table of the Presbytery from Dr Bonar, the Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, intimating that the Rev. Mr. Izzet had declined the call from Chalmers Church.

The congregation worshipping in the College Hall, Halifax, applied for the services of Mr. Cumming a student in Theology who will have completed his College course in the spring. The Presbytery appointed Mr. Cumming to labour in that congregation for three months—dating from the close of the College Session.

Mr William Stuart was appointed to la-

hour in Clyde and Barrington for one month after he leaves Yarmouth.

Mr Farquharson was appointed to labor in Rawdon for the last two Sabbaths of March and in the Grant of Musquodoboit during the month of April.

Mr Robson reported that the interim Session of the congregation worshipping in the College Hall met on the 26th of February, and admitted 28 members on presenting their certificates.

The next meeting of the Presbytery is appointed to be held in the Session House of Chalmers Church, Halifax, on the first Wednesday of May, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

### Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

The Presbytery of Tatamagouche met at River John, for the visitation of the congregation, on Tuesday March 10th., and was constituted after Sermon by the Rev. Robt. Sedgewick of Musquodoboit from Luke xxiv. 49. The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained. Mr Sedgewick received the thanks of the Presbytery for his Sermon, and was invited to take his seat as a corresponding member. The Presbytery then proceeded to the visitation of the congregation. The questions of the Formula were put and answered satisfactorily, and the Minister, Elders and Managers were severally addressed by Rev. Messrs. R. Sedgewick, T. Sedgewick, and James Watson. The congregation was found to be in a very thriving condition—both temporally and spiritually. Since last visitation they have secured a Manse for their Minister at an expense of about £200, and for which addition to his comfort and usefulness they were especially commended by the Presbytery. Altogether the Presbytery had every reason to be satisfied with the condition of the congregation. After the transaction of some routine business the Presbytery adjourned to meet at New Annan for visitation on the first Tuesday of May—Mr. McKay to preach, Mr. Munro to address the Minister, Mr. Darragh the Elders, and Mr. Sedgewick the Ministers and people.

### The Mission Schooner.

The Mission Schooner is now timbered, and she is making very rapid progress.—The order for her rigging has been sent to Britain some time ago. The dimensions of the Schooner are as follows:—

Length of keel,	78 feet.
Extreme length,	85 "
Breadth of beam,	24 "
Depth of hold,	10 "

The Rev. Robert S. Patterson returns his sincere thanks to the members of his