

The services were concluded in the ordinary way. The young pastor then received a hearty welcome from his people, at the close of which his name was added to the roll of Presbytery, and he took his seat as a member. The services throughout were specially appropriate. The large congregation manifested the deepest interest to the very close. May the relation so auspiciously begun be long continued and happy to all parties, and prove a great blessing to young and old.

### Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met on Tuesday the 21st Februry, at Lot 16 Presbyterian Church. There were present, the Revds. A. Campbell (Moderator), R. S. Patterson, G. Sutherland (Clerk), A. Cameron, R. Laird, W. R. Frame, and A. Falconer; and Messrs. McLean and Taylor, elders. The Rev. A. Cameron preached an appropriate sermon on the duty of Christians going on to perfection. After which, the Presbytery proceeded with the visitation of the congregation. The questions prescribed for the pastor, elders, session, and managers were satisfactorily answered; and the various departments of pastoral and congregational work were seen to be advancing with encouraging progress. The efforts made by the Presbyterians in and around Summerside, in the erection and completion of their new church, were specially deserving of praise. The pastor was then addressed by the Moderator; and the congregation by the Rev. Mr. Falconer in appropriate terms. Certain financial arrangements were left to the action of the congregation in the mean time.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet on the following day at Lot 14 Presbyterian Church, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The Presbytery met, according to adjournment, in Lot 14 Church, on Wednesday, the 22nd. Feb. 1865. Sederunt *ut supra*, with the addition of the Rev. A. Fraser and Mr. Alexander Ramsay, Elder, from Lot 14. The business of this meeting was both interesting and important. The Presbytery first proceeded to the ordination of Mr. Jno. D. Murray, Probationer. After the preliminary steps, the Rev. G. Sutherland entered the pulpit and preached an appropriate sermon from Acts vi. 4: "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and the ministry of the word." The Rev. R. S. Patterson then narrated the steps taken, put the usual questions, and offered up prayer,—in the course of which Mr. Murray was solemnly set apart to the work of the ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. After receiving the right hand of fellowship, Mr. Murray was suitably addressed by the Rev. R. Laird. The Rev. A. Cameron addressed the congregation in

like manner. The Moderator dismissed the congregation after praise and the benediction; and they, in retiring, welcomed their new pastor in the usual way. The day was remarkably fine, the attendance large, and the whole services very impressive. It is to be hoped that the blessing of the Lord may rest on the connection thus formed.

A petition was then laid before the Presbytery from West Point and adjacencies, by Messrs. Ramsay and McDougall, delegates, craving moderation in a call. The people were unanimous in their choice,—the amount offered as stipend was as yet but £110, but an increase was promised; the settlements were very promising,—the land among the best on the Island and being rapidly taken up, the field large and destitute; embracing parts of four townships, and a hope was expressed that for a short time a supplement might be obtained from the H M Board. The Presbytery, regarding the importance of the field, and the praiseworthy efforts of the people, agreed to grant moderation, and to apply to the H M Board for a supplement. This is just such a case as deserves the assistance of the Board of Home Mission. The moderation was appointed to take place on Friday, the 10th March,—Mr. Frame to preach and preside; notice of the moderation to be given on Sabbath first by Mr. Bernard.

The Presbytery then proceeded to hear the remaining trials of Mr. Samuel Bernard, student. Mr. Bernard was examined in Greek, Hebrew, Church History, and Theology. On motion these trials were sustained; and Mr. Bernard, after answering the usual questions, was licensed to preach the everlasting Gospel. Prayer was offered, and the licentiate suitably addressed. Mr. Bernard was then appointed to West Point for two Sabbaths,—thence to Tryon for two Sabbaths, and thence to West St. Peter's till the meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Stuart was appointed for an additional Sabbath to West St. Peter's,—thence for one Sabbath to Tryon,—and thence to West Point till next meeting. The Presbytery resolved to apply to the H. M. B. for Mr. D. McDougall, for St. John's, N. L., and for an English-speaking Missionary. It was also resolved that the Presbytery—after the appointed visitations in the east and south of the Island—should meet at Tryon on the last Wednesday of March (the 29th),—the Rev. A. Falconer to preach.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet at Dundas for visitation on Tuesday the 7th March, at 11 o'clock.—*Com.*

### Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax met at Middle Musquodoboit at 2 o'clock on Tuesday the 28th Februry. There were present, the