

bytery at Cornwallis on Tuesday, the 18th instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and that the congregation be summoned to appear for their interests. Mr. McLeod was appointed to preach on the occasion.

The Presbytery met at Lakeville, West Cornwallis, on Tuesday the 18th June, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The following members were present, viz: Rev. John L. Murdoch, Moderator *pro tempore*. William Forlong, William Murray, Alexander W. McKay and John McLeod, Ministers, and Messrs. John S. Newcomb, Stephen Burgess and John Burgess, Ruling Elders. Rev. Mr. McKay reported that agreeably to appointment of Presbytery he had intimated to the congregation of Western Cornwallis that he had tendered to the Presbytery his demission of the pastoral charge of that congregation, and summoned them to appear for their interests before the present meeting. Mr. McKay having expressed his intention to adhere to the demission laid on the table at the last meeting of Presbytery, the congregation were asked if they had any reasons to advance why said demission should not be received, when they unanimously expressed their highest satisfaction with the manner in which Mr. McKay had discharged his pastoral duties, and their deep regret at the prospect of his removal, but at the same time acquiesced in the demission on the ground of inadequate support owing to the numerical weakness of the congregation and the present general depression of business. Under these circumstances it was unanimously agreed to accept Mr. McKay's demission, and to declare the pastoral relation between him and the congregation of Western Cornwallis dissolved. The Moderator then intimated to the congregation the decision of the Presbytery, and addressed them in suitable terms of direction and encouragement.

A meeting of this Court was held in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, on the evening of the 25th ult. Rev William Murray was appointed Moderator of the Kirk Session of Western Cornwallis, and instructed to preach there on the second Sabbath of July and declare the congregation vacant. It was agreed to apply to the Synod for leave to take on trial for license Messrs. D. McMillan and J. Morton,—being students of divinity who had completed their theological curriculum. Rev Mr Steele reported that he had fulfilled the appointment of Presbytery to Annapolis and Bridgetown; and laid before the Presbytery an application for the moderation of a call from that congregation. The Presbytery agreed to defer the consideration of this matter till a future meeting. Messrs. Morton and Grant gave in very interesting reports of their labours as catechists—the former at Bridgewater and the latter at Sheet Harbour. The Presbytery agreed to grant supply to Rawdon and Goodwood at least once a month.

The next meeting of Presbytery was held in Chalmers' Church on the 27th ult. The principal business before the Presbytery was a case of reference from the Kirk Session of Musquodoboit.—An adjourned meeting was held on the following morning, when the same subject occupied the whole of the sederunt. It was unanimously agreed to remit the case to the Session of Musquodoboit with instructions to deal with it according to the laws of the Church.

The Presbytery met again on Tuesday the 2nd of July. The Presbytery appointed Mr John Grierson to the office of catechist—to labour in the district of Cornwallis; Messrs. Murray and Forlong having borne testimony to his high character and qualifications.—An adjourned meeting of this Court was held on the afternoon of the same day, when the question as to the expediency of dividing the Presbytery was fully discussed. It was finally agreed unanimously that it is not expedient at present to divide this Presbytery, but that meetings of the Presbytery shall be held as often as desirable in the distant congregations under its charge.

The Presbytery met again on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. The Rev Mr Duff asked the Presbytery for the appointment of a Committee to assist him in the ordination of Elders. It was agreed to grant such Committee or hold a meeting of Presbytery there as soon as the necessary preparatory arrangements shall have been made. The following appointments were then made:—Mr Grant, student, to supply Rawdon for four Sabbaths, beginning with the first Sabbath of July; Rev Mr Duff to supply Tangier on the first Sabbath of July, and Rev Mr McLean on the second Sabbath. The Rev H. McMillan asked and obtained leave of ab-