

were assembled, who seemed deeply interested in the proceedings, and gave their pastor a cordial welcome.

The Presbytery met at the Albion Mines, on the evening of the following day, for the ordination of Mr. A. J. Mowatt to the pastoral charge of the congregation there. The Rev. John McKinnon preached from Eph. iv. 20-21. The Rev. D. B. Blair presided, put the questions of the formula, and offered up the ordination prayer. The Rev. John Stewart gave the charge to the minister, and the Rev. David Roy addressed the people. A large and deeply interested congregation attended upon the services throughout.

The Presbytery again met at Chatham on the 21st June, for the presbyterial visitation of the congregation, and also for dealing with the organ question. The session having complained of the past proceedings of Presbytery as in their view involving a serious charge against the moral character of the members of session, it was agreed

"That the Presbytery express their regret that anything in their minutes should have been construed to imply an imputation on the moral character of the members of the session, and now inform the session that it was not the intention of the Presbytery in any part of their proceedings to libel either the moderator or any other member as under any moral delinquency—that while declaring what they conceived the law of the church, they did and do give the session credit as having acted conscientiously according to their own judgment."

The Presbytery then proceeded to the presbyterial visitation of the congregation. The questions of the formula were put to the various office-bearers. The Presbytery having received their replies agreed to record their appreciation of the efficiency manifested in the congregation, both in regard to its temporal and spiritual affairs, particularly in the isolated position in which it has been for so many years.

After the settlement of various preliminaries, the Presbytery entered upon the consideration of the introduction of an organ into public worship in St. John's church, Chatham. Finally, the following resolution was adopted, "That while sympathizing with the session of St. John's church in their difficulties, the Presbytery adhere to their former deliverance, that the Presbytery have not the power to authorize such an innovation in the public worship of this church, that such power belongs only to the Synod, that under the remit of Synod their only alternative is to press their injunction, that the organ be removed from the public worship of the congregation."

The session having withdrawn during these proceedings, it was agreed to report

the proceedings of Presbytery to Synod, and ask further instructions.

The Presbytery again met at St. John, N. B., during the meeting of Synod. A letter was read from Mr. A. McL. Sinclair, intimating his acceptance of the call from the congregation of Springville. The Presbytery agreed to meet in John Knox's church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, 24th July, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving his trials, and in the event of these being approved, it was agreed that his ordination take place on the following day.—Mr. Mowatt to preach, Mr. Blair to address the minister, and Dr. Bayne the people.

The Rev. George Patterson tendered his resignation as clerk of Presbytery. His resignation was accepted, and the thanks of the Presbytery tendered to him for his past services. The Rev. John McKinnon was appointed in his place. The Rev. Alexr. Sutherland was appointed moderator for the ensuing year.—*Presbyterian Witness*, July 21, 1866.

The above was forwarded by me as clerk of the Presbytery of Pictou, immediately after the meeting in Chatham, for publication in the *Record* in the usual manner.—Fearing that it would be too late for the July No., I requested that in that case it might be inserted also in the *Witness*, in order that it might receive as early publicity as possible. It accordingly appeared in that paper. But the July No. of the *Record* was made up before Mr. Murray left Halifax to attend Synod, and the August No. was entirely occupied with the Synod minutes, so that it could not appear in either. I do not know how it came to be omitted in the Sept. No., and I was not aware till now that it had not appeared.—As the session of Chatham had considered that the portion of it affecting them should be published in the same periodical in which the former proceedings of Presbytery had appeared, and the Presbytery assented to this, I must express my regret that through any accident it should have been omitted, though having forwarded it in due course I hold myself blameless in the matter. I may add that had I observed the omission sooner, or had my attention been called to it, I would have immediately taken steps to have it rectified.

GEORGE PATTERSON.

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This court met on Wednesday last, in the basement room of Queen Square Church. There were present Revs. H. Crawford, Mod., R. S. Patterson, A. Campbell, J. Allan, I. Murray, D. McNeil, A. Cameron, W. Ross, A. McLean, A. Falconer and D. McDougal, ministers, and Messrs. Hyde, McNiven, and McSwain, elders.