

and only authoritative rule of faith and practice.

3. That the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, are the subordinate standards of this Church; but that in adopting these standards, this Church is not to be held as approving of any thing in them which may be supposed to countenance persecuting or intolerant principles, or to deny or invade the right of private judgment.

NOTE.—That the form of Presbyterian Church Government, and the Directory for Public Worship, are regarded by this Church as containing excellent suggestions on the points discussed, and hence as worthy of the careful consideration of Ministers and Office-bearers.

4. That by Christ's appointment the Church is spiritually independent, and is not subordinate in its own province and in the administration of its own affairs to the jurisdiction or authoritative interference of the civil power.

5. That this Church asserts for itself a separate and independent position in relation to other Churches; and that its highest Court shall possess supreme and final jurisdiction over its inferior judicatories, office-bearers, and members; and that it shall receive ministers and probationers from other Presbyterian Churches applying for admission, on their affording satisfactory evidence of their qualifications and eligibility, and subscribing the Formula in accordance with these articles.

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THE CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Presbytery of Halifax.

THE Presbytery of Halifax met, according to adjournment, in St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, on Wednesday, 1st August. Sedesunt: Rev. G. M. Grant (Moderator), Rev. John McMillan, and Dr. Avery and James Thomson, Esq., Representative Elders. The Rev. Mr. McCunn, of River John, being present, was invited to assist the Court in its deliberations.

The meeting having been opened with prayer, the minutes of the last regular meeting, and of the *pro re nata* meeting held during the sitting of Synod, were read and sustained.

The Moderator then stated, in behalf of the Clerk, that the Rev. Mr. Law had applied for and had received certificates enabling him to draw from the Treasurer the money due to him, and that the congregation of Truro had fulfilled their obligations. The Moderator also reported that the appointment for the last day of July at Truro had been kept.

Owing to the expected arrival of three young clergymen—Messrs. Grant, Gordon, and Fraser—from Scotland, before the next

regular meeting in November, it was resolved that the next meeting of the Court be held on the last Wednesday of September.

The Moderator was instructed to grant the Rev. Mr. McMillan an order upon the Treasurer of the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund to draw the sum of £25 as half year's supplement, and also £1 5s. as travelling expenses to Halifax when supplying St. Andrew's.

All the congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery were instructed to prosecute the Home Mission Fund with energy during the present year.

The Moderator promised to do what he could, as formerly, to find supplies for St. Andrew's till the next meeting of the Court.

The Presbytery, being informed that they were deputed by Synod to present the Address of Synod to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, appointed the members of Court residing in Halifax to present the same as soon as received by the Moderator.

The Court then adjourned to meet on the last Wednesday of September at 11 o'clock. A. M.

Closed with prayer.

JOHN McMILLAN,
Clerk pro tem.

Presentation to Rev. Mr. Goodwill.

ON Tuesday afternoon, the 28th ult., a committee of Ladies waited upon the Rev. Mr. Goodwill, of Rogers Hill, while conducting his Bible-class exercises in the Church, and presented him with a purse containing \$47, accompanied by the following address:—

ROGER'S HILL, Aug. 27, 1866.

Rev. John Goodwill:

BELOVED PASTOR.—We, whose names are hereto annexed, in behalf of the ladies of this part of your congregation, beg to offer you this small gift (\$47), desiring you to accept the same as a slight memento of our attachment to you. We further beg to give expression to the sincerely cherished hope that you may long continue to labor with that untiring and benevolent zeal in your work of love which has heretofore been your successful characteristic. And, finally, may the blessed God ever render your faithful labours in the Church of his dear Son, subservient to the high and holy purpose for which He hath placed you among us. May the Holy Spirit teach us all by his blessed influences—you to impart the tidings of the glorious gospel, and ourselves to receive and be benefited by the same.

Submitted in behalf of the ladies of St. John's congregation, Rogers Hill, by

MRS. JOHN SUTHERLAND,
MISS JANE SUTHERLAND,
" LIZZIE SUTHERLAND,
" MARGARET MCKENZIE,
" LIBBIE MURRAY.