

## OUR CHURCH NEWS.

**PRESBYTERY OF TATAMAGOUCHE.**—The recently erected Presbytery of Tatamagouche, embracing the congregations of River John, New Annan, Wallace, Goose River and Tatamagouche, and the station of Wallace River, met at Tatamagouche on Tuesday, July 30th. The Rev. John Munro, Wallace, the Moderator, preached to a large and attentive audience from Acts xx. 28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood."

The Moderator then constituted the meeting by prayer.

After the minutes of last meeting were read and approved the roll was called, when it was found that all the members, both ministers and elders, were present. The Rev. James Watson (after a few introductory remarks, in which he expressed his high gratification with the formation of the new Presbytery and his belief that it would be active, zealous and harmonious) moved that the thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to the Moderator for his faithful, searching and peculiarly suitable sermon, and that he be requested to hand in an outline of the same to the Clerk for publication in the *Presbyterian Witness*, which motion passed unanimously.

The case of the Rev. W. S. Darragh of Goose River, who at a previous meeting had tendered his demission of the charge of that congregation, was then taken up. Mr. Darragh adhered to his demission, the acceptance of which by the Presbytery was not opposed by the commissioners of the congregation who were present. They stated themselves personally, and they were well assured the greater part of the people, were very unwilling to part with Mr. Darragh, but they were at present unable, owing to the smallness of their numbers and other causes, to give him the remuneration to which he was entitled. After a free expression of opinion by the members of Court, who united in expressing their satisfaction with the admirable spirit manifested by the parties in this case, the Presbytery unanimously agreed that the connection between Rev. W. S. Darragh and the Goose River congregation be dissolved. Mr. Darragh was recommended to the Home Mission Board as in every way a suitable person to be employed in the Home Mission field.

After appointing an election of elders at the station of Wallace River the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Tatamagouche on the first Tuesday of September.

THOMAS SEDGEWICK, Presbytery Clerk.

**PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.**—The Presbytery of Truro met at Maitland on Tuesday, the 13th August, for the Presbyterial Visitation of the second congregation. Present—the Rev. Messrs. Crowe, Baxter, Wyllie, Byers, McKay, Currie and McLellan, ministers; and Messrs. Matthew McCurdy, Isaiah Smith and Robert Logan, ruling elders. The Rev. Alexander L. Wyllie, in the absence of Mr. Ross, preached an impressive sermon from Isaiah liii. 10—"He shall prolong his days and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand." The questions of the formula put to ministers, elders and managers were generally very satisfactorily answered. Although the Presbytery were very sorry to find the congregation a little in arrears, yet they were highly commended for the liberality displayed in their contributions to the Schemes of the Church. The spiritual machinery of the congregation was also noticed. No less than six Bible Classes are in efficient operation, with an attendance of over one hundred. This congregation is the smallest in the Presbytery of Truro, yet one member of Presbytery remarked that it was the largest audience at a Presbyterial Visitation that he had seen for nine years. After the transaction of some business of minor importance the Presbytery adjourned to hold its next meeting at Five Islands.

**PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.**—This Reverend Court met in Lunenburg on Wednesday, the 14th ult. There were present—Rev. Messrs. Wm. Duff, George M. Clark, William Forlong, William Murray and Hugh McMillan, Ministers, and Messrs. John S. Newcomb and Philip Bowers, Elders. The Rev. P. Constantini-des being present was invited to take his seat as a corresponding member. After