

Call. They stated that the call was unanimous, and that the subscription list amounted to \$800, which sum, in all probability, would be the stipend. The Presbytery approved of Mr. McLeod's conduct in the moderation, and sustained the Call as a regular Gospel Call. Mr. Cumming being present, the Moderator placed the call in his hand, and asked for his decision. He replied that he felt it his duty to decline this call. When, upon the call being set aside, and the Commissioners notified accordingly, the Presbytery agreed to hold their next meeting in Springville Church, on Monday, January 17, at 11 o'clock, a.m., for visitation and ordinary business. Mr Pitblado to preach.

Presbytery of St. John

This Presbytery met at Prince William on the 20th December. In the case of Rev. John Home it was agreed unanimously that his application be received, that he be employed in the meantime as a preacher of the Gospel subject to the approval of Synod, and under the direction of the Home Mission Board. It was further agreed that Mr. Home be instructed to supply the congregation of St. Stephen until further notice.

After reports of ministers with regard to their congregations were heard, the Presbytery proceeded to hear the examinations of Rev. S. McCully which were highly satisfactory. Next day, after the usual preliminaries the Moderator put the questions of the formula to Mr. McCully, and these being answered he was set apart by prayer and the laying on of hands to the work of the ministry, and inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Prince William. The Moderator gave Mr. McCully the right hand of fellowship and welcomed him to a seat in the Presbytery. The Moderator then addressed the minister, and Mr. Burgess the people. Mr. Turnbull was instructed to introduce Mr. McCully to the people as they passed out, and Mr. Murray, to introduce him to the Session. Mr. McCully's name was then entered on the Presbytery roll. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet this evening in Fredericton for the induction of Rev. Wm. Stuart.

At 7½ p. m. of the same day the Presbytery met at Fredericton for the induction of Rev. W. Stuart. After the usual services, Mr. Stuart received the right hand of fellowship and his name was added to the Roll. \$100 as his first quarter's salary was paid in advance.

A letter was read from the Rev. S. Bernard, demitting his charge, assigning reasons. On motion it was agreed that the letter of demission lie on the table until next meeting, which was appointed to be held at Woodstock on the third Wednesday

of January, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, and in the meantime the congregation of Glassville and Florenceville be summoned to appear for its interests at said meeting, and that the Clerk take due measures to notify the said congregation.

Presbytery of Halifax,

This Presbytery met in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, on Tuesday, 20th Dec., at 2 p. m., and continued its sittings till Wednesday night, 10 o'clock. The attendance was larger than usual. The Clerk stated that the regular meeting of the Presbytery of Truro would not take place till the first Tuesday of February, and that the call from Newport to Rev. J. D. McGillivray, would not be taken up till then. The Presbytery agreed unanimously, to ask the Moderator of the Presbytery of Truro to call a *pro re nata* meeting as early as convenient, to deal with the call.—Rev. D. S. Gordon declined the call to Philadelphia. The Presbytery recorded their gratification at his decision.

The principal business before the Presbytery was the complaint against the Session of St. John's Church, Windsor, for admitting to church fellowship, a woman who is married to the husband of her deceased half-sister. Messrs. Blanchard and Goudge appeared as Commissioners to answer for the Session. Mr. Blanchard explained very fully the peculiar circumstances of the case, which led the Session to act as it had done. Mr. Goudge concurred in the statements made by Mr. Blanchard. The matter was then discussed by the following members of Presbytery:—Rev. Messrs. McGregor, Annand, McKnight, Murdoch, McLean, Dr. King, Garvie, Sedgewick, Falconer, Stuart, Forrest, Murray, Webster. The following motion was moved by the Rev. R. Sedgwick, and seconded by Rev. R. Glendinning:—

"Find that the allegation in the memorial, that a woman living as the wife of a man who had been previously married to her half-sister, now deceased, has been received into the fellowship of the Church by the Session of Windsor, has been admitted as a fact: Find that marriage with the husband of a deceased sister (for the Bible does not recognize the distinction of a half-sister) is contrary to the authority of the Confession of Faith; and instruct the Session of St. John's Church, Windsor, to proceed in the matter according to the laws of the Church."

Professor McKnight moved the following resolution which was seconded:—

"Find, that in admitting a woman to sealing ordinances, who is married to the husband of her deceased half sister, the