

tion. The large congregation remained earnestly interested to the close. They then gave their young minister a hearty welcome shaking hands with him as they dismissed. His name was then added to the roll of presbytery. Having attended to some other business the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Primitive Church, New Glasgow, on Thursday the 26th inst. at nine o'clock in the morning.

A. L. WYLLIE Clerk.

#### PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

The Presbytery of Halifax met in West Cornwallis on Tuesday last at half-past ten o'clock. A. M., for the purpose of inducting the Rev. Howard D. Steele into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian congregation there, and also transact other business.

The Rev Mr Crawford preached the induction Sermon, from Matt. xxiii. 37v. Rev Mr Forlong who presided on the occasion gave a brief narrative of the proceedings in the case—put the questions of the Formula to Mr Steele,—admitted him into the charge and addressed him on the duties and solemn responsibilities of his position. The Rev John McLeod addressed the congregation. The attendance was good, and the proceedings solem and interesting.

In the afternoon the Presbytery met and heard the greater part of the trials for ordination of Mr D. S. Gordon the pastor elect of the Congregation of Annapolis and Bridgetown. These trials were sustained, and as a whole declared to be highly satisfactory to the Presbytery.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Bridgetown on Thursday the 11th inst. at 10 o'clock A. M., to hear the remaining trials of Mr Gordon and then to proceed with his ordination.

On the 14th April two Sabbath school scholars called at the residence of their pastor, the Rev Samuel Johnston, Harvey, and presented him with the following address. The same parties also waited on Mr Matthew Piercy, Elder, the other teacher engaged in the Sabbath School, and presented him with an elegantly bound Bible as a token of their esteem, and appreciation of his labors.

TO THE REV SAMUEL JOHNSTON.

Rev and Dear Sir,

In behalf of the Sabbath Scholars un-

der your ministration; I present you with this purse containing four pounds, which I beg of you to accept as a token of the love and esteem in which you are held by your pupils in the Sabbath School; and in regard of your zeal, indefatigable exertions, and devotedness in imbibing into their young minds, a knowledge of the Love of God, and the way of salvation, through the merits of a crucified Redeemer, hoping that you may long be upheld through the goodness and mercy of God, to admonish, instruct, improve, and direct, not only the youth, but all under your administration to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world. And may your worthy and amiable companion, through the Grace of God given unto her, be the means in God's hand, of strengthening your hands, and encouraging your heart, in your works of grace and labors of love; and may the children which God hath given you, be as olive plants round about thy table; may your paths be as that of the just which shines more and more unto the perfect day.

Signed in behalf of the Sabbath scholars.

HENRY SWAN.

THOMAS COCKBURN.

#### REPLY.

I thank you for this expression of your esteem, and the substantial token of affection with which it is accompanied.

Your present is highly acceptable, "not because I desire a gift, but I desire fruit that may abound to your account."

The few years which I have been among you have been spent in ceaseless toil. But my pleasures and rewards have been as abundant as my labors. The younger portion of my flock have engaged a large portion of my attention, and your appearance here this evening is an evidence that my labor has not been spent in vain, and to this evidence of profiting by my labors I hope you will add the still better one, of fearing God and keeping his commandments.

I thank you for your expressions of regard for Mrs Johnston, and assure you that they are received and reciprocated.

And that "the great Shepherd of the sheep may make you perfect in every good work to do his will," is the prayer of your Affectionate Pastor.

SAMUEL JOHNSTON.