

hytery—the former to spend two months during the summer in Cape Breton. Mr. J. D. Murray, of the second year, has also been assigned to the Pictou Presbytery; Mr. A. Simpson to the Presbytery of P. E. Island; Messrs. Glendinning and Hogg to the Presbytery of Halifax, and Mr. H. Archibald to the Presbytery of Truro. Mr. James Sinclair of the third year, Lawson of the second R. Cumming, and J. H. Chase of the first, are appointed to labour during the summer in New Brunswick.

Notwithstanding this large accession to the Home Mission staff the demand for laborers greatly exceeds the supply at our disposal. New fields are continually opening up, earnestly soliciting laborers to come and cultivate them. Why do not more of the promising youth of our church respond to the invitation, and give themselves to the work of the ministry? At no period in the history of our church was there greater necessity to re-echo the word of the Great Master to his disciples: "The harvest truly is plentious, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth"—literally *thrust* forth—"laborers into his harvest."

Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

This Presbytery met at New Annan on March 20th, and was constituted after sermon by the Rev. T. Sedgwick, from Heb. xii. 16, 17. The chief business before the Presbytery was the visitation of the congregation, with the result of which they had great reason to be satisfied. The Presbytery agreed to petition Synod to transfer the station of Wentworth to the Presbytery of Truro, and to request that Presbytery to supply it until that time. The clerk was authorized to write to the various congregations on the subject of the Widows' fund, with special reference to the prosperity of each congregation, taking measures to put its minister upon that fund. The consideration of the rules and forms of procedure was deferred till next meeting.

The clerk gave notice that at next meeting he would introduce an overture to Synod on the subject of the supply of Professor Smith's pulpit.

Other business, chiefly of a routine nature, was transacted, when the Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday, May 8th, at Tatamagouche.

Presbytery of Halifax.

This Presbytery met Tuesday 17th ult., in the College Hall, Halifax. Present, Revds. John L. Murdoch, Prof. King, James McLean, W. Murray, D. S. Gordon, Prof. Macknight, A. Stuart, T. Cumming, ministers, and W. Anderson, John Fisher, and

Dr. Hattie, ruling elders. Commissions were read in favor of the following elders, Abraham Hebb, Robert Black, A. McCurdy and G. Robertson. A petition for moderation in a call was received from the congregation of Kenneteook, Gore and Rawdon. The petition was laid on the table till next meeting.

Also a similar petition from the newly formed congregation of Meagher's Grant and Musquodoboit Harbor, which was granted. Rev. A. Stuart is appointed to moderate on Thursday the 3rd May, 10 o'clock, Meagher's Grant, and at 4 o'clock p. m. the same day at Musquodoboit Harbor. The call is in favor of Mr. McCurdy.

A very interesting report was received from the Rev. John Morton on behalf of the Bridgewater Kirk Session, stating that the congregation had raised the sum of \$20 to pay off arrears, for supply received during the pastor's absence, and \$50 since the beginning of the year for the Home Mission Fund, thus relieving the Fund from any burden for supplement for the year ending May 1st, 1866. Also the thanks of the congregation were expressed to the Presbytery, to the Home Mission and the Supplementing Board for past kindnesses. The congregation is now self-supporting. The Report was received and the Presbytery expressed their cordial satisfaction with the praise worthy efforts put forth by the Bridgewater congregation. Mr. Bernard was appointed to supply Meagher's Grant and Musquodoboit Harbor for the month of May. Mr. Hogg was appointed to supply Kempt. Mr. Glendinning to supply Bedford, Waverly, and Oldham. Trials for license were prescribed to Messrs A. R. Garvie, A. Glendinning, Joseph Hogg, T. Simpson and O. Christie. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in the College Hall on Tuesday, 22 May, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond

Met, pursuant to adjournment, on the forenoon of Tuesday, 27th February last, at the Forks Section of the congregation of Baddeck, in the new church there; and after sermon by Rev. Donald Mackenzie, was duly constituted. There were present, Revs. Donald Mackenzie, Moderator, *pro tem.*; Kenneth Mackenzie, Pby. Clerk, and Wm. Sinclair.

The Clerk read a letter from the Moderator Rev. W. G. Forbes, stating reasons why, and regretting that he could not be present on this occasion. Also, a letter from Rev. Murdoch Stewart, West Bay, likewise giving good reasons of absence, with request, of either leave of absence for six months from his congregation, or ac-