

and Archibald Ramsay appeared as commissioners from their congregation, and were heard. After mature deliberation the call was allowed to lie on the table till Tuesday, August 11th, on which day the Presbytery will meet in Lot 16, at 4 o'clock, p.m., when, after sermon by Rev. A. F. Carr, the consideration of the call to Mr. Crawford shall be resumed.

The Presbytery entered upon the consideration of Mr. Lawson's demission of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Murray Harbor. Messrs. McLure and Brehaut were received and heard as commissioners from the congregation. They expressed their attachment to Mr. Lawson, and their sorrow at the prospect of a separation, but as Mr. Lawson had expressed his strong inclination to enter upon the service of the Master in another sphere of labor, they would offer no opposition to the acceptance of his resignation. Mr. Lawson was then heard. He said that after mature and prayerful consideration he had resolved to resign his pastoral charge of Murray Harbor congregation, and urged the Presbytery to accept his resignation at once. On motion, however, the demission was allowed to lie on the table, and a meeting of Presbytery appointed to be held in the congregation on Thursday, 6th August, on the north side, at 11 o'clock, a.m., Mr. Cameron to preach; and at the south side at 7 o'clock, p.m., Mr. Frame to preach.

Mr. Crawford's demission was then taken up. The commissioners from the congregation, Messrs. James Anderson and Charles Dingwell were heard. Mr. Crawford also was heard and urged the acceptance of his demission. When, on motion, the Presbytery accepted Mr. Crawford's resignation, which is to take effect on the 18th August, and appointed Rev. Wm. R. Frame to preach in East St. Peters on Sabbath 22nd August, at 6 o'clock p.m., and declare the congregation vacant.

In accepting the demission of Rev. Henry Crawford the Presbytery would record their thankfulness to the Head of the Church for the good measure of success which has followed his ministerial labors in that wide field in which he was originally settled, now three large congregations:—they would further express their kind regards for him personally, and their earnest prayer that his labors may be still more abundantly blessed, in whatever part of the Church; God, in his providence, may order his residence.

The remit of Synod anent union was next taken up, and after discussion the Presbytery unanimously approved of the Preamble to the Basis of Union, of the Basis itself, and of all the resolutions recommended for their consideration.

Sessions and congregations are requested

to consider this question and report to Presbytery on or before the last of September.

The Rev. Neil McKay, J. M. McLeod, and Hon. Kenneth Henderson were appointed a committee to visit the congregation of Tryon and Bonshaw on the 12th of August; Mr. McKay to preach at Tryon at 11 o'clock, and Mr. McLeod at Bonshaw, at 6½ o'clock.

The next regular meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Charlottetown, on the last Wednesday of August, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

J. M. McLEOD, *Phys. clerk.*

MR. A. F. THOMPSON has received calls from Glassville, &c., and from Mabou, and having accepted the call from the congregation last named, will be ordained, (D. V.,) at an early day.

ST. JOHN'S NEWFOUNDLAND.—We are glad to state that the Rev. Neil Forsythe of Coleraire, Ireland, has accepted the position of Assistant to Rev. M. Harvey, St. John's. Mr. Forsythe bears a very high character as a preacher and a scholar. His collegiate course in Queen's College, Belfast was quite distinguished. He carried off during his undergraduate course, seven scholarships, besides numerous Prizes, the value of scholarships and prizes being £210. He leaves an attached congregation. We congratulate our Presbyterian friends in St. John's on the promised accession to their ministerial staff.

CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The Statistics of this Church for the past year are before us. It is well that our readers should be familiar with the leading facts.—Number of Ministers, 329,—an increase of 14 in the year. Regular charges, 650,—an increase of 12. Vacancies 78. Families 28,260. Communicants, 50,702.—Stipend paid amounted to \$237,901.25. Total contributions, for strictly congregational purposes, 103,247.82; for schemes of the Church, \$55,994.12½, and for all purposes, \$619,359.30; an increase over the amount reported last year of \$68,457.58.

OBITUARY.

"LOST AT SEA."—Mr. Roderick McLeod, a Glasgow Gaelic Student and Catechist. We have never seen, nor known Mr. McLeod farther than is involved in receiving and having accepted his offer to come to aid us in the work of evangelization in Cape Breton. Recommended by Mr. Hope of the Colonial Committee, our Home Board said "come" and had on anticipation of his arrival recommended him to the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond for N. E. Margaree.