

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Calvin Church Lecture Room, on the first Tuesday of February, 1873, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Presbytery of Halifax.

This Presbytery met at Maitland, on Tuesday, Nov. 12th. Rev. John Cameron preached an able and appropriate discourse. The ordination and induction of Rev. L. G. McNeill took place in the usual way. Rev. Jas Maclean addressed the minister and Rev. Mr. Simpson the people. The audience was large and deeply interested. The Presbytery met on the following day at Shubenacadie. The special business before them was the division of Rev. James Maclean's congregation. The proposed division had already been arranged by the different sections of the congregations;—and all that the Presbytery found necessary to do was to give effect to the congregation's wishes. Milford and Gray's River were set apart as a new Congregation; and Shubenacadie and Lower Stewiacke are continued under the charge of Mr. Maclean. Both of these will make strong and flourishing congregations. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, on the third Tuesday of December, at 11 o'clock.

The Theological Hall

Opened on Tuesday evening, 5th ult., by an Introductory Lecture by Rev. Professor McKnight, on "The Physical Value of Prayer"; and our readers will anticipate that it was a reply to the views recently put forth by Professor Tyndall, who is at present on a Lecturing tour throughout Continent.

Professor McKnight's audience was not numerous; but the hundred or more who attended at College Hall, Gerrish Street, were nearly all persons trained to think, and followed the Lecturer with great attention and evident satisfaction. As the Lecture has been published in the *Presbyterian Witness*, our readers can procure it and judge for themselves to what extent the Professor accomplished his task.

At the close of the Lecture, five new Students enrolled their names for the course, under Professors McKnight and Currie.

Ministerial Changes.

Halifax Presbytery recently sustained the heavy loss of two resignations and vacancies within a fortnight. Rev. A. Glendinning demitted and left the Province to the regret of his congregation and fellow-Presbyters, by whom he was beloved as

well as respected. We are happy to hear of improvement in his health since his departure from Nova Scotia.

Rev. E. Grant, it was hoped, though separated from Kempt congregation, might be retained in the Presbytery: but he has accepted a unanimous call to the old and important congregation of Stewiacke, and there succeeds the venerable Dr. Smith.

The Presbytery of Halifax has, however, within the last month, received two valuable accessions. The first is Rev. J. K. Smith, lately minister of Galt, Ontario, one of the largest and most flourishing congregations in Canada. Having supplied the Fort Massey Church for five weeks last summer, the result was a unanimous call, which was laid on the table of the Presbytery of Guelph on the 17th Oct. The congregation did all that an attached people could do to retain their beloved Pastor, but Mr. Smith, believing that objects of importance would be promoted by change, had made up his mind to accept the call from the Lower Provinces. And so the Presbytery and people felt that they were called to submit to what appeared to be the ordering of Providence, and to say, "The will of the Lord be done!"

In this whole matter, we know not which was most admirable the firm, self-sacrificing attitude of Mr. Smith, or the fine Christian spirit of his people, who showed a readiness to do anything to retain his services; but when their pastor felt called to go, instead of resenting his choice, or sullenly submitting, lovingly acquiesced, and aided in facilitating all his movements.

What a fine display of Christian feeling was made on the evening following his decision, when the representatives of the congregation assembled at the manse and presented the sum of \$900 to their retiring pastor. We need scarcely say that Mr. Smith received from the Fort Massey Church and the Presbytery of Halifax, a most cordial welcome. Not only that church and Presbytery, but the city of Halifax, and the whole church of the Lower Provinces have received in the person of Mr. Smith a valuable accession.

The second addition is recorded in the ordination of Rev. L. G. McNeill over the congregation of Maitland. As a scholar and a preacher, Mr. McNeill has few superiors. He commences his work in an intelligent and flourishing congregation, trained under the able and faithful pastoral superintendence of Professor Currie; and we especially rejoice in the fact that, with scholarship and eloquence, our young brother has also Christian zeal and earnestness in the Lord's work; and it is in the union of evangelistic zeal with high natural and acquired gifts in both pastors inducted within the last month, that we feel special