

out of the very fire! What a tremendous responsibility to be Christ's minister here where you are! God help you my brother, And He will help you, and give you at last the starry crown.

"The prayer of Ajax was for light;
Through all that dark and desperate
light,

The blackness of that noonday night,
He asked but the return of sight,
To see his foeman's face.

Let our unceasing, earnest prayer
Be, too, for light—for strength to bear
Our portion of the weight of care,
That crushes into dumb despair
One-half the human race."

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

Presbytery of St. John.

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Presbytery of St. John was held in St. Stephen's church on Jan. 9th. There were present thirteen ministers and four ruling elders.

Rev. Mr. Mullin of Nashwaak and Stanley was chosen moderator for the next six months.

Rev. J. McG. McKay, Presbyterian missionary, stated that he had purchased \$26.00 worth of Presbyterian literature with which to supply Presbyterian families in back settlements in his travels. His action was commended.

Rev. D. B. Crockett handed in his resignation of the charge of the congregation of Hammond River and Saltsprings. The principal reason for taking this step he stated was that he found the salary inadequate for his support. The resignation was ordered to lie on the table in the meantime, and Mr. Gray to exchange with Mr. Crockett next sabbath and to notify the congregation to appear by commissioners in their interest at a meeting of Presbytery to be held at St. David's church St. John on the 25th inst.

On motion by Rev. Dr. Macrae, it was resolved that with reference to the payment of the Presbyterian missionary salary the Presbytery would recommend that if convenient to the ladies, payments in part be made monthly and that they are hereby requested to hand to the treasurer of the Presbytery at the end of each month a check for \$50.00 toward that object and further at the end of each quarter the missionary to furnish a full statement of all amounts collected by him with the aid of which the full salary will be adjusted.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the evening for the induction of Rev. Mr. Fotheringham in St. John's church.

In the evening Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment. After sermon by Rev. R. Nain of Harvey, from Exodus XIV: 15, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." Dr. Macrae narrated the steps that had been taken in connection with the call. The moderator then put the usual questions to the pastor elect, which were satisfactorily answered, after which by prayer he solemnly inducted Mr. Fotheringham into the Pastoral charge of St. John's Presbyterian church. The newly inducted minister was then addressed by Rev. Mr. Love of St. Stephen, and the people were forcibly reminded of their duty by Dr. Macrae.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Jack, after which the people welcomed their new Pastor in the usual way.

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Presbytery of Miramichi.

This Presbytery met for regular business at Newcastle on the 16th inst., Mr. McKenzie of Richibucto moderator. Twelve ministers and two elders were present. The Rev. R. Logan, late of Sheet Harbour, was also present, and was invited to sit as corresponding member. A considerable amount of business was transacted, much of it being of only local interest. The case from Kouchibouguac referred to in the notice of last meeting, was amicably settled. As to the appointment of ministerial delegates to the Assembly the Presbytery has fallen upon a system of strict rotation, and the following were nominated as representatives to next Assembly—Messrs. John Robertson of black River, Peter Lindsay of New Richmond, Thomas Nicholson of Charlo, and J. C. Herdman of Campbellton. It was agreed to abandon the practice hitherto followed of entering on the Minute Book honorable notices on occasion of each translation of one of the brethren to any other Presbytery.

The next regular meeting is to be held at Chatham on Tuesday the 17th of April next.

Presbytery of Truro.

This Presbytery met at Truro, on Tuesday, January 16th.

A call from Springside, to Rev. S. C.