

News of the Church.

Presbytery of Truro.

This Presbytery met at Truro on the 4th June. There were present in all sixteen members, being ten ministers and six elders. The Presbytery was much gratified in seeing their highly respected brother, Dr. McCulloch, again in his place among them. He is already much improved in health, and took an active part in the deliberations of Presbytery. He is, however, not very likely for sometime to be able for pulpit ministrations. A printed copy of the proposed alterations in the "Rules of Procedure" was received from the Synod's committee. The Presbytery seeing that they could not consider the whole before the meeting of Synod, deferred the subject. Reports were given in by several sessions on the state of religion in their congregations. These were all encouraging. Still there were many evils specified or alluded to, with which the cause of Christ has to contend. In present and recent railroad building localities there was special reference made to drunkenness with its accompanying vices. The Moderator, Clerk, and Mr. Vance, elder, were appointed a committee to embody the substance of these reports as the Presbytery's report to Synod. The intention is to hold meetings in the various congregations at which there would be a popular Sederunt aiding the people, by addresses and otherwise, in resisting the evils existing in their midst and encouraging them in the good work. The congregation of Maitland was, by virtue of authority granted by last Synod, transferred to the Presbytery of Halifax.

A Moderation in a Call was granted to the congregation of Stewiacke. Rev. Messrs. Sinclair and Smith being appointed to Moderate on Monday, the 17th inst., as also to arrange certain matters with the congregation respecting the proposed Salary.

Appointed next meeting in Halifax during the meeting of Synod at the call of the Moderator. W. L. WYLLIE, Clerk.

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

The Presbytery of P. E. I., in connection with the P. C. of the Lower Provinces, met in Zion Church, on the 29th May, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Sederunt: Revs. A. Campbell, Jas. Allan, Isaac Murray, Alex. Munro, Henry Crawford, J. McLeod, Alex. Cameron, R. Laird, Allan McLean, Wm. R. Frame, J. G. Cameron, S. C. Gunn, Charles Fraser, and A. F. Carr; and Hon. D. Montgomery, Wm. Lawson, and Jas. Henderson, Esqrs., Elders.

Read a letter from the Convener of the Committee of the "Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund," asking Revs. I. Murray and J. McLeod to canvass the congregations of this Presbytery in aid of the said Fund. Presbytery expressed sympathy with this measure and appointed Revs. R. Laird, A. Campbell, H. Crawford, and A. F. Carr to assist the above named brethren in prosecuting this scheme.

A temporary arrangement, by which Rev. A. Cameron gave part of his services to the congregation of New London South, was, on application of the Gaelic-speaking portion of the congregation, cancelled, and liberty granted them to call a Minister who can preach in both languages. Mr. John Murray, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Edinburgh, is appointed to preach in this congregation during the month of July. Rev. A. Cameron was appointed to preach in St. John's Church, New London, on 9th inst., and declare the pulpit vacant, and explain fully to the people the causes which led to this change. Rev. I. Murray was appointed Moderator of the session of St. John's Church.

The remit from Synod respecting constituent membership of the higher church courts was taken up, when the Presbytery unanimously expressed it as their opinion that the question is settled by the Confession of Faith, in these words, "Pastors and teachers, and other church governors, (as also other fit persons, when it shall be deemed expedient,) are members of those assemblies which we call *Synodical*, when they have a lawful calling thereunto."

The Presbytery nominated Rev. I. Murray as Moderator of Synod for the ensuing year.

Mr. L. G. McNeill, M. A., was appointed to supply Summerside on the 1st and 2nd Sabbaths, and Clyde River, on the 3rd Sabbath of June. Mr. Bernard was appointed to preach at Summerside on the 3rd Sabbath of this month—to dispense the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the congregation of Richmond Bay West, on the 4th Sabbath, and to labor there till next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Gillis was appointed to Summerside for the month of July.

Sessions are requested to send up their Records for examination at the next Regular Meeting, in Charlottetown. Adjourned to meet at the call of Synod.

J. McLEOD, Presby. Clerk.

Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.—Statistics of the Past Year.

We are gratified to see from the June number of the *Record* that the statistics of the above Church appear in a much more