

pression of opinion on the part of the Presbytery, urging Mr. Sutherland to withdraw his demission, he still pressed its acceptance, when the Presbytery agreed to accept the resignation. On motion it was resolved that the following expression of feeling be entered upon the Minutes of Presbytery: "In view of Mr. Sutherland's removal from our midst, the Presbytery agree to record their sense of the diligence and faithfulness with which he has labored during the time he has been in connection with this Presbytery,—regret the withdrawal of so active and useful a member, and express their best wishes for his personal welfare and ministerial usefulness, wherever in the Providence of God he may be called to labor."

The commissioners, on behalf of the congregation, requested the labors of Mr. Sutherland, as long as he may remain upon the Island. Mr. Sutherland having expressed his willingness to accede to this request, it was granted by the Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet in Queen Sq. Church, Charlottetown, on Wednesday, 30th January, 1867, at 11 o'clock.

#### Presbytery of Truro.

The Presbytery of Truro met at the Folly, Upper Londonderry, on the evening of Tuesday, 30th October. There were present the Rev. Messrs. McGillivray, Moderator; McCulloch, Ross, Wylie and McKay.—The principal business occupying the Court was the proving of Mr. Stewart, with a view to his ordination at Acadia. He had delivered an address and read an exercise and additions at Stewiacke. He now delivered a sermon and was examined in Hebrew, Greek, Church History and Theology as had been prescribed. These trials were, after suitable remarks, cordially sustained, *seriatim et cumulo*. Adjourned to meet at the Folly Mountain, Acadia, on the following morning.

FOLLY MOUNTAIN, Oct. 31, 1866.

The Presbytery of Truro again met, and was constituted by the Rev. J. D. McGillivray, Moderator. The same members were present as on the previous evening. Preliminary matters having been attended to, proceeded with the ordination services. The Moderator preached a highly appropriate and deeply impressive sermon from Job xxiii, 3, "Oh that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his seat." He described the aspirations of the renewed soul after communion with God. He pointed out the provision made for the soul in divine grace, and the fitness of the church as a place of fellowship with the divine being. He also spoke of the satisfaction afforded by the ordinances of

the House of God as a means of divine fellowship.

The steps being narrated, and the questions of the formula put and answered. Mr. Stewart was set apart to the work of the Ministry and the pastoral oversight of Acadia Congregation by Prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. This part of the service was led by Mr. Ross. Mr. Stewart having received the right hand was addressed by the Rev. Mr. McCulloch. The speaker dwelt on the nature, the trials, the encouragements, and the fruits of the ministerial work. He with great earnestness urged upon him to be devoted in the service of Christ, and to deal faithfully with perishing sinners. Mr. McCulloch seemed on the present occasion to go beyond even his own usual happy tact in this mode of address.

The people were addressed by the Clerk. He presented for their consideration some of the obligations devolving on them to their pastor. Mr. Stewart was then in the usual way welcomed by the people of his charge, after which his name was added to the roll of Presbytery, and he took his seat accordingly. There is every prospect of this being a happy settlement. The mission stations now forming this congregation, with Wallace River had been created into a congregation several years ago. They had then the near prospect of a settlement. In this they were disappointed. Wallace River was soon thereafter transferred by Synod to the Tatamagouche Presbytery. The Presbytery of Truro, owing to movements in another denomination, was then induced with respect to the other three stations, to await the leadings of Providence. Matters thus remained until about a year ago, when the Presbytery, feeling persuaded they ought again to supply the stations with the view of their ultimately obtaining a pastor, applied to the Mission Board for supply of preachers. Mr. Stewart had a short time before that returned from Edinburgh, whither he had gone to finish his studies, had been licensed and had preached during a few weeks. He being at the disposal of the Board was sent as the first preacher. The people of all the stations at once set their affections upon him as their pastor. Other able young men followed him but the attachments of the people were unshaken. He is thus their first minister, the first and only object of their choice, and the first preacher sent to revive the cause among them. We hope they will now do by him as we feel confident he will do by them.

The Presbytery is appointed to meet at Stewiacke, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 11 o'clock, forenoon. A full attendance of members is requested.

A. L. WYLIE, Clerk.