

cordially in favour of Mr. Charles Fraser, Probationer, and was signed by ninety-four church members and eighty-two adherents. A few of both these classes had not signed the call, not having had an opportunity as the time was short. Messrs. A. Ramsay and H. McDonald were present as Commissioners from the congregation. Mr. Ramsay corroborated the statements made in the report, and explained the circumstances of the congregation. Mr. Cumming's report was received, his diligence approved, and on motion the call was sustained, and the Clerk instructed to forward it to Mr. Fraser. Some time was occupied in considering the circumstances of Lot 16 congregation, in its connection with Summerside; but no formal conclusion was reached. The Presbytery met at Summerside in the evening, but owing to the small attendance of members, deemed inexpedient to take up any business, and adjourned, to meet in Zion church, Charlottetown, on the last Wednesday of March (29th), at 11 o'clock.

Zion church, March, 29, 1871, at which place and time the Presbytery of P. E. Island met, and was constituted by appointing Rev. Robert S. Patterson, Moderator, *pro tem*.

One matter of importance before the Presbytery was a resolution from the Session of Summerside, and Lot 16, in reference to the disjunction of the sections of the congregation. After a full discussion of the subject, it was resolved that the only way to arrange matters was to appoint another meeting of Presbytery in said places, and then to take into consideration what would be for the best interests of the congregation. Rev. R. S. Patterson was appointed to preach on Sabbath, the 2nd inst., at Lot 16 and Summerside, at the usual hours; and then to cite the congregation to appear before the Presbytery which is to meet on Wednesday, the 12th inst., in Lot 16 church, at 11 o'clock, and at Summerside at 7½ o'clock, for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of a disjunction.

It was also agreed to apply to the Home Mission Board for the services of Messrs. Carr and Thompson, and also Rev. Mr. Allan, Probationer.

Close of the Theological Hall.

The Session of 1870-71 of the Theological Hall was closed on Thursday evening, the 6th ult. Twelve students attended during the session; and three completed their curriculum. These three are Messrs. Carr, McKenzie and Robertson. Two of the three—McKenzie and Robertson—are devoted to Foreign work in connection with the New Hebrides Mission, and are likely

to proceed to their destination next autumn. Mr. Robertson is connected with the Church of Scotland; but the distinctions which have almost disappeared in the home field have quite vanished among the heathen. The session has been a pleasant and profitable one: the only serious drawback being the alarming illness of the venerable Dr. King during the last three weeks. During these anxious weeks Professor McKnight performed double work—Dr. King's as well as his own. The closing services, which took place in the College Hall, Gerish street, on Thursday evening, were attended by a number of influential friends. The students were suitably addressed by Rev. Messrs. Simpson, Annand and Falconer.

FREE ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, SAINT JOHN'S, N. F.—Annual collection on behalf of Foreign Missions \$62.40; Sabbath School, \$58.47. Total, \$120.87.

PRINCETON SEMINARY.—A prize of \$50 was offered to the students of this institution on "the best examination in Syriac"; the examination was in writing, and was won by J. F. McCurdy, of Chatham, N.B. Mr. McCurdy is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick; while there he distinguished himself in almost every department of study, and carried off some of the highest honours. It is no little honour to him that, among so many students, he has carried off the only prize offered this year in the Seminary.

The Kempt section of Rev. Edward Grant's congregation, including also a number of friends from the Methodist and Baptist denominations, made a visit to the residence of their pastor on Friday afternoon of last week, and after partaking of a sumptuous feast furnished by themselves for the occasion, they presented their pastor with the sum of sixty-three dollars in money, besides other useful articles to the amount of three dollars.

Rev. Howard Archibald, of Truro, has recently been settled over the congregation of Euroa, Duck Ponds and Longwood, in Australia. Mr. Archibald left this Province for Australia 18 months ago.

Two Churches Burnt.

Within little more than a month two well-finished places of worship have been destroyed by fire. Central church, at West River, Pictou, and Calvin church in St. John. In both cases the fire occurred on the morning of the Lord's day, in the latter instance before daylight, and in the former while the people were on their way to