

COUNSELS FOR THE SCHOOL ROOM, a plain talk to boys and girls. (18 mo. pp 48.)

These are small tracts in paper covers, the first two on some of the most important subjects of religion, which are treated in a brief but admirable manner, the latter on a different subject, but fitted to be useful in its place.

News of the Church.

Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax held meetings in Cornwallis and Kentville on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the 13th, 14th, and 15th Sept. There were present the Rev. W. Maxwell, Moderator; Rev. Messrs. G. Christie, J. Cameron, W. Forlong, J. McLeod, J. McLean, W. Murray, H. D. Steele, D. McMillan, and D. S. Gordon, Ministers; and Cameron McDonald, John Burgess, John S. Newcomb, and Stephen Burgess, ruling elders.

The first meeting was held in the Canard Street Presbyterian Church on Tuesday afternoon and evening. The Rev. Thomas Cumming, who had been appointed to preach on the occasion, being absent, the Rev. John McLeod preached a sermon from Rom. viii. 9.

The afternoon sederunt, after the sermon, was employed in considering a call from the congregation of Windsor, addressed to Mr. Edward Annand, probationer, to become their pastor, as colleague and successor to the Rev. John L. Murdoch. After hearing the Moderator in the call and the commissioners of the congregation in support of it, and some reasoning, the call was unanimously sustained, and at a subsequent sederunt it was ordered to be transmitted to Mr. Annand.

The evening sederunt was devoted to the visitation of the North Cornwallis congregation.

On the following morning the Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church at Waterville. And after sermon, by the Rev. W. Maxwell, from Luke xv. 2, proceeded with the visitation of the Presbyterian congregation of West Cornwallis, which occupied the whole of the sederunt.

At half-past six o'clock in the evening of the same day, the Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church at Kentville, and after sermon by the Rev. John Cameron, from John xv. 11, proceeded with the visitation of the congregation of South Cornwallis, which occupied the Presbytery for nearly the whole of that sederunt.

On Thursday morning the Presbytery met in Kentville, at 8 o'clock, and continued till about 1 p. m. This sederunt was devoted to the transaction of ordinary business.

Reports of Missionary labours by Messrs W. Campbell, W. Stewart, E. Annand, and J. Lamont were read.

Mr. Stuart had labored in Bermuda in conjunction with the Rev. W. Thorborn for over a year, and his report was heard with much interest. The Presbytery expressed their cordial sympathy with Mr. Thorborn in his arduous labors and trials in his present charge. They also expressed their gratification at the highly satisfactory manner in which Mr. W. Stuart performed his mission there.

The Rev. W. Maxwell, the Moderator, was authorized agreeably to the appointment of synod, to solicit contributions for the widow's and orphan's fund, in the district of Cornwallis, &c., during this and the following week.

Mr. William Stewart was appointed to supply Windsor for the two last Sabbaths of this month.

The next meeting of the Presbytery is appointed to be held in St. John's Church, Halifax, on the 1st Wednesday of November, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

CORRECTION:—In our last No. we stated that the amount in the Foreign Mission fund was sufficient to pay the expenses of the New Hebrides Mission for two years. This statement was founded on the Treasurer's statement of the state of his account at the close of Synod, which shewed a balance in fund of over £1600. It now turns out that the salaries of the three missionaries sent out in the Dayspring, and their allowances for outfit amounting to £622 had not passed through the treasurer's hands. This will reduce the actual balance to about £1000. As there is a demand for about £100 for the John Knox, and as Mr. and Mrs. Geddie's expenses will have to be provided this year, the amount in funds will not do more than meet these and the current expenses of the present year.

We would also call attention to the diminution in the contributions to the Foreign Mission Fund during the past year. For the year ending 31st May, 1863, the Treasurer received the sum of £1144, of which the sum of £115 was a contribution from the Canadian Synod, leaving the