

OPENING OF THEOLOGICAL HALL.—The next Session of the Theological Hall, Halifax, will be opened on Monday evening the 4th November. The Inaugural Lecture will be delivered by Professor McKnight, in the College Hall, at 7½ o'clock. The public are invited to attend.

It is always very desirable that Students should be present at the beginning of the Session.

Halifax Presbytery.

This court met in Halifax on Wednesday 4th September, and was constituted by Rev. Dr. King, besides whom were present Revs. Wm. Maxwell, John Cameron, Prof. McKnight, Alex. Stuart, J. McLeod, E. Annand, Allan Simpson, and John Forrest, ministers, and Robert Murray, John S. McLean, James Farquhar, and Daniel Murphy, ruling elders. Rev. Wm. Murray being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member. The minutes of the previous meeting having been approved, the Presbytery took up Mr. McGregor's letter in which he gives in his demission of the pastoral charge of Poplar Grove congregation, but in which he also expresses his readiness to acquiesce in any arrangement agreeable to that congregation and the mind of the Presbytery, by which, through the appointment of a colleague, he might still maintain his standing as minister of the congregation, and as such be entitled to hold his seat in the Church Courts. The minutes of a meeting of the Poplar Grove congregation held there on the evening of Monday the 2nd inst., were also read, in which the congregation expresses their warm attachment to Mr. McGregor, and their desire that his pastoral relation to them should be continued, engaging, in addition to the support of a colleague on whom the burden of the active duties of pastor should be devolved, to pay to Mr. McGregor the sum of \$100 per annum, as the senior collegiate minister.

Messrs. A. James and D. Blackwood, Commissioners from the Congregation, were also heard in explanation and support of resolutions passed at said congregational meeting. Parties having been removed from the bar, the Presbytery, after mature deliberation, unanimously adopted the following resolution: "Having fully considered the whole case without expressing any opinion regarding either the services to be given to the congregation by Rev. P. C. McGregor, or the amount of remuneration to be received by him from the congregation, agree to the proposal that Mr. McGregor retain his status as senior pastor of Poplar Grove Church, and that the congregation be authorized to proceed to the calling of a collegiate minister, upon whom the active

duties of the congregation shall devolve." Rev. W. Maxwell was appointed Moderator of the Kirk Session of Poplar Grove Church.

Read a report of a meeting of Conference, held by the three congregations of Cornwallis, to take into consideration the interests of Presbyterianism in that locality, which was to the effect that in their present circumstances it is impracticable to support three ministers, and that it is desirable that the congregations North and South should unite for the support of one minister, and that, while cherishing all due respect for the present pastor of South Cornwallis, in their opinion, this union cannot be effected until said congregation becomes vacant.—On motion it was agreed to receive the report, but in the meantime to defer its further consideration.

The following supply was appointed for West and North Cornwallis: Mr. McLeod on the 3rd Sabbath of September, Mr. Maxwell on the 5th Sabbath of September, and on the 1st Sabbath of October, and Mr. Forrest on the 3rd Sabbath of October, on each of these days service will be in the morning at Waterville, in the afternoon at Lakeville, and in the evening at Canard. Mr. Annand reported that he had, according to appointment, preached in the congregation of North Cornwallis, and declared it vacant. Permission was granted to Rev. Hugh McMillan to dispense the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Waverly. Rev. D. McMillan was appointed to supply Bridgewater on the 3rd. Sabbath of September. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Windsor, on the 2nd Wednesday of October, at 11 o'clock.

J. McLEOD, *Phy. Clerk.*

Presbytery of Truro.

This Presbytery met at Springside, Stewiacke, on Wednesday, Sept. 11th. The business of special interest, was the Ordination of Mr. Sinclair. The weather was favourable, but the 11th. being nomination day, and crowds repairing from all directions to Truro, it was feared the ordination services would be poorly attended. But those fearing this, were pleased, on reaching Springside church, to find that they had been greatly underrating the christian principle of that congregation. The numbers present showed plainly that the pressure of harvest had retained none in the field, and that the excitements of nomination had to give place to the solemnities of Ordination. The edict having been duly served, and no objections offered to the life and doctrine of Mr. Sinclair, the Presbytery repaired to the church, a few minutes past 11 o'clock, forenoon. Mr. Currie, according to appoint-