

Revivals of religion. Interesting remarks were made by most of the members of Presbytery present, and a number of suggestions made. It was at length agreed to recommend that prayer meetings be held in the various congregations in which the pastor should be assisted by neighbouring ministers, and that Sessional prayer meetings be more frequently observed. It was also agreed that an hour of the ordinary Presbytery meetings be occupied with devotional exercises.

PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND.

According to appointment, this court met at Cavendish, on the 8th ult. There was a full attendance of ministers with several of the ruling elders.

After some business of minor interest to the religious public, the Presbytery took up the remnant of synodical union with the Free Church. The basis agreed to by the committees of the two churches, and sanctioned by their respective synods met with their warmest approval. In this question, the Presbytery have always taken and manifested the liveliest interest, and it is matter of unfeigned congratulation to them that now there is every prospect of the union being consummated at no distant period. A strong desire was expressed by some members for incorporation also with the remnant branch of the Presbyterian Church, and an overture indeed introduced to open a correspondence with the sister Presbytery, with a view to that object. Holding, as all Presbyterians in this province avowedly do, the same doctrinal and practical principles which are embodied in certain symbolical books equally acknowledged as their standards, and having the same forms of worship, government and discipline, it is considered very generally in the church represented by this Presbytery sinful in itself, schism in the sight of God and most injurious to the religious interests and well-being of this province that there should be division among Presbyterians. The causes which led to separation in Scotland, arising as they did out of the relations subsisting between the Church and the state, should not operate on this side of the Atlantic. Whatever be the views entertained in regard to the principle of civil Establishments of Religion, Presbyterians may well

exercise forbearance with each other in a land where these views can have no practical effect, where especially the combined force of Protestantism seems necessary to withstand encroachments on the principles of the Reformation, and our religious liberties the basis of civil freedom.

The Presbytery also entered into an earnest discussion on the means to be employed for effecting a revived state of religion throughout the bounds of the Church, as recommended by Synod, when it appeared that each minister and elder has had the subject in his mind, and had each in his own sphere been prosecuting measures which seemed best adapted for gaining the end in view, and equally devised by all. The Presbytery recommend—

1. That ministers should embrace every opportunity for conference and prayer, that their own minds and hearts be suitably impressed with a sense of the necessity of personal religion and importance of the work in which they are engaged, and the worth of souls.

2. That Ministers bring the subject before their congregations and sessions, with directions to adopt such means as seem best calculated with the divine blessing to obtain the end. In particular the Presbytery recommend increasing and increased interest in prayer meetings and attendance on them,—more faithful attention to private and domestic duties, that parents be particularly directed to a more conscientious consideration and discharge of the duties devolving on them with respect to their families, and that the young be faithfully dealt with as to their relations to Christ and to the Church with the duties resulting from them.

The next meeting was appointed to take place at Cove Head, on the 28th instant; and the Rev. I. Murray to direct the congregation to a branch of the subject of revivals, after which a short time will be spent in devotion.

LICENSE.—At a meeting of the Presbytery of Truro on the 29th of November, Mr. Jacob McLellan was licensed to preach the gospel, and is now employed in the Home Mission field.

CALL.—The congregation of River John on the 12th December last, gave a united and cordial call to Mr. Robert Laird, preacher of the gospel, to be their pastor. The Rev. George Roddick preached and presided on the occasion.