

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX

Met at Windsor on Monday and Tuesday March 2nd and 3rd. Monday evening was given to a conference on Sabbath School work. Seventeen schools reported and discussion was had on the advisability of Session examining teachers, and setting them apart to their work, by some kind of installation service, on the prize system in our schools, and on the best method of conducting Bible classes.

Tuesday, Mr. Wallace, by letter, tendered the demission of Warwick congregation, Bermuda. It was agreed to notify the people in the usual way.

Mr. Archibald Gunn's demission of St. John's Church, Windsor, was accepted to take effect the end of March.

Mr. Logan, through failing health, felt compelled to demit the charge of Kentville and South Cornwallis.—In doing so he spoke very affectionately and tenderly alike of his own people and of his brethren of the Presbytery. Mr. Logan's brief review of his sixteen years work in Cornwallis was very touching. Recognizing Mr. Logan's inability to continue his work, the Session and congregation acquiesced, though reluctantly, in his desire to be relieved of his charge.

The calls to Mr. Jordan were read and placed in his hands. The first from Eskine Church, Montreal, was advocated by Mr. Hutchinson, the representative of Eskine Church; the second from St. Andrew's Church, King-ton, had no special advocat, but the unanimity and heartiness of it were such that it needed no special advocacy. Delegates were present from St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, and they urged Mr. Jordan's retention very strongly. They spoke very favourably of Mr. Jordan's work since he took charge of St. Andrew's. Being called on for his decision, Mr. Jordan said he felt perplexed as to the path of duty and asked for ten days to consider the subject more fully. Mr. Jordan's request was freely granted and the Presbytery agreed to meet in Chalmers Church, Halifax, on Friday, the 13th inst., to receive Mr. Jordan's reply.

A conference was held, Tuesday evening on the State of Religion. Mr. McPherson read an excellent report, after which practical addresses were delivered on prayer-meetings, the training of the young, and the hindrances to Christian life and work by Dr. Burns, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Ross, Mr. Potter, Mr. H. Sutherland and Mr. Anderson.

A report of the Presbyterian Society was read, and spoken to by Mr. Dawson.

It was agreed to request the Committee of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' fund to place Mr. Logan's name on its list of annuitants. Sessions will oblige by sending in statistical returns as soon as possible.—Sessions records will be examined at the next regular meeting of Presbytery to be held in Halifax, April 28th, at 10 o'clock in St. Matthew's Church.

Adjourned to meet at Chalmers' Church, Halifax, March 13th, at 4 p. m., to receive Mr. Jordan's answer and for other business.

ALLAN SIMPSON, Clerk.

TRURO PRESBYTERY

Met at Brookfield, Tuesday March 3rd. Application was made to the Home Mission Board for four student catechists for the summer.

One hundred and fifty dollars were asked for Parrsboro from the Supplementing Fund, and an equal amount for Coldstream.

The afternoon sederant was devoted to a conference on Sabbath Schools. The speaking was lively and interesting, and engaged in not only by Presbytery but by Sabbath School teachers and workers—a large number of whom were present. The report was read by the Rev. James Sinclair, shows gratifying progress during the year. The adoption of a suitable minute proposed by the J. D. McGilivray closed the work of the afternoon.

The opening address of the evening was delivered by the Rev. J. D. McGilivray on "The Relation of the Sabbath School to the congregation." P. Fraser of Acadia Mines, followed with a short pointed address on the Qualification of the Sabbath School Teacher. Principal Calkin gave an elaborate address on The method of teaching, illustrating his lesson by showing how the lesson of last Sabbath should be taught. Short addresses were also delivered by Mr. Vans, who is at present laboring in the congregation of Middle Stewiacke and Brookfield, J. F. Blanchard and J. M. Pitblado of Truro, and Hugh Dunlap of Middle Stewiacke. The speaking throughout was good and the meeting stimulating and suggestive.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in the Presbyterian Hall, Truro, in the first Tuesday of April, when the remaining remits of Assembly will be considered and commissioners to the General Assembly appointed.

J. A. CHASE, Clerk.