

onsuing summer. We need not say that his reception will prove most cordial.

DEPUTY TO NEW BRUNSWICK.—The *Colonial Presbyterian* states that Rev. William Johnston of Belfast, is about to visit New Brunswick, as a Deputy from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.—The Presbytery of Halifax held meetings at St. Croix, Windsor, and Newport, on the first Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of January 1864. There were present, Rev. Messrs, J. L. Murdoch, John Cameron, W. Maxwell, J. McLeod, James McLean, W. Murray and T. Cumming, ministers, and W. H. Blanchard and James Harvey, ruling elders. St. Croix, the first place of meeting, is a section of the Windsor congregation, formed into a separate section in 1859.—The condition of this section was found to be encouraging. At Windsor, the Rev. Mr. Murdoch proposed to resign the charge of the congregation on account of ill health. He had intimated his intention to the congregation some time since, and they had been deliberating as to the best mode of meeting the emergency. They would not entertain the proposal that their venerable Pastor, who had now been with them thirty-eight years, should in his declining health be under the necessity of resigning his charge. Arrangements were accordingly made, which met the approbation of the Presbytery, under which the congregation are to choose a colleague and successor to their Pastor. On Wednesday the Presbytery met at Newport, for visitation and other business. This charge has made very satisfactory progress under the ministry of the Rev. John McLeod. Rev. William Murray preached at St. Croix, Rev. William Maxwell at Windsor, and Rev. Thomas Cumming at Newport.

Mr. Matthew G. Henry having accepted the call to Clyde and Barrington, went through his ordination trials at Newport, and his ordination was appointed to take place on the first Wednesday of February, 11 o'clock, A. M., Rev. William Duff to preach and preside.

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.—The Presbytery of Pictou met at Rogers Hill for the Presbyterial visitation of the congregation on the 29th December. This forms but a fourth part of Mr. Sutherland's charge.—The examination into their affairs was on the whole highly creditable. There was a small amount of arrears, but this was explained by the large efforts which has been made in erecting a handsome and commodious church.

The other business before the Presbytery was principally of a routine character. The Presbytery is to meet again at Merigomish on Tuesday 9th February for Presbyterial visitation, Rev. A. Ross to preach, and on the following day at French River for the same purpose, sermon by the Rev. D. B. Blair.

The Presbytery of Tatamagouche met at River John on the fifth of January and was constituted, after Sermon by the Rev. James Watson from Isa. 38. 1. The principal business was the visitation of the congregation, which was found to be in a highly satisfactory condition. The Rev. J. Watson was appointed to supply Wentworth on the 1st. Sabbath of February. The Rev. T. Sedgewick was appointed to supply Professor Smith's pulpit on the 3rd. and the Rev. H. B. McKay on the 4th. Sabbaths of the same month. The next Meeting was appointed to be held at Tatamagouche on the last Tuesday of January for Visitation and other business.

EXPLANATION.—We have received a letter from the Rev. J. G. Paton, in reference to the statements by Mr. Geddie and Mrs. Johnston regarding the cause of Mr. Johnston's death. Mr. P. says. "I only stated the facts of the case as they occurred under my own eye at my house in Tanna. As might have been expected, Mrs Johnston was not able to write much at the time, therefore I read my statement again and again to her. She cordially approved of it, and at her special request I sent a copy to Nova Scotia. Had Mr. Geddie seen the case as I saw it, I believe he would have come to a very different conclusion."