

NEWS OF THE CHURCH.

ORDINATION AT DUNDAS.

On the 19th day of June, the Presbytery of P. E. Island in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of the L. P., met and was constituted by the Rev. Alexander Munro, the eldest Minister present. Present beside Mr. Munro, who was appointed Moderator *pro. tem.*, and Mr. Crawford who was appointed Clerk *pro. tem.*, the Rev. Donald McNeill and the Rev. William Ross, Ministers, and the Hon. Dr. Jardine, and Mr. William Hunter, ruling elders. As the Presbytery had been appointed here especially for the purpose of Mr. McLean's ordination, and as a very large congregation had assembled in the Church, after due intimation, Mr. Munro preached the ordination sermon from Ez. iii. 17, "Son of man I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel, therefore hear the word of my mouth and give them warning from me." The sermon was in Gaelic, which is well understood by most of this congregation. It was delivered with unusual energy and solemnity, and seems to have made a most happy impression. After sermon, Mr. Munro narrated the steps that had been taken preparatory to the ordination of Mr. McLean to the pastoral charge of Dundas congregation, and having proposed to him the usual formula, to which he gave satisfactory answers, he offered up the ordination prayer, during which, Mr. McLean was solemnly set apart to the office of the Holy Ministry and the pastoral charge of the congregation of Dundas.—After which the right hand of fellowship was given by the Presbytery, and Mr. Crawford addressed the newly ordained Minister, and Mr. McNeill the congregation. In retiring, the congregation gave to Mr. McLean a cordial welcome by shaking hands with him.

Previous to the formal meeting of Presbytery, the Rev. William Ross preached a very interesting sermon. Thus all the public services of the day were sufficiently attractive, and will not soon be forgotten by the large assembly convened to witness and engage in them.

On the evening of the same day, the Presbytery met in the house of Mr. Murdoch Lamont, when a call from the Presbyterian congregation of Lots 16 and 17, which had come out unanimously and very cordially in favor of Mr. William Frame to be their pastor, was received and sustained. Mr. John Sutherland, part of whose trials for license had previously been delivered and sustained by the Presbytery, gave a very excellent Homily and Lecture, and was examined on Theology and on the History of the English Reformation. In all these trials he acquitted himself with great ability and to the entire satisfaction of the Presbytery, and he was then in the usual manner licensed to preach the everlasting Gospel; and the Moderator addressed the throne of grace for a blessing on his future labors. The Presbytery were highly delighted to welcome a young man so learned, talented, and promising, as an accession to their staff of laborers on this Island. The Presbytery then appointed Mr. Sutherland to preach at Murray Harbor till the next meeting of Presbytery after the meeting of Synod, and appointed Mr. McQuarrie to continue his labors at New London.

Adjourned to meet in the Free Church, Charlottetown, on the last Wednesday of July.—*Com. by Clerk pro. tem.*

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in French River Church, on the 24th June, for the induction of the Rev. Andrew P. Miller to the pastoral charge of the congregation. The Rev. Thomas Downie preached from 2 Cor. iv. 5. The Rev. Alexander Campbell, who presided, put to Mr. Miller the questions of the formula, and offered up the induction prayer, and gave the charge to the minister, and the Rev. D. B. Blair addressed the people. The congregation being dismissed, welcomed the newly ordained minister in the usual manner. The congregation there has been but recently formed, but they have made most creditable exertions since their organization, and it is hoped that through the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, the present settlement will increase their prosperity and advance the Redeemer's cause in that quarter.