

hands of the Presbytery," Mr. Chase was ordained to the office of the holy ministry and inducted as junior pastor of the congregation of Onslow. He received from the Presbytery the right-hand of fellowship and part in the ministry. He was addressed by the Clerk on the work to which he had been set apart. He was reminded of what specially devolved on him. It was to preach; to preach the gospel, to preach the gospel to every living creature. It was to instruct the people in divine things. He was to feed the flock of God, to feed Christ's sheep. And if he loved the Saviour he must also feed his lambs. To this work he would require to give himself exclusively. He could attempt nothing else in conjunction with the work of the ministry without the cause of Christ suffering. To this work he would require to give himself devotedly. It was to be prosecuted not as a pastime but as a work, as a labour. He was to make a full proof of his ministry; to labour in season and out of season. The minister must be an enthusiast. The Apostle Paul spoke of appearing as if beside himself. In thus labouring he would have his reward. The reward would correspond with the nature of the work. There would be literary refinement; there would be an increasing acquaintance with divine things; there would be growing personal piety; there would be increasing spiritual wealth; and there would be the approval of the divine master.

Mr. McKay in his own peculiar way, pressed upon the congregation their duties to their young pastor. They were in duty bound to provide for him. According as his requirements increased were they to increase the supplies. They were to wait upon his ministry. They should see that they were regular in their attendance in the house God. Many attend church only when the weather is fine and the roads are good, it in every way convenient for them and they feel inclined to go. The result is that they are seldom there. Others go more frequently, but appear to care very little what the preacher has got to say to them. They would attend to anything else or to nothing at all rather than to the sermon. But this is not what they owe, either to themselves or their minister. They should be present every Sabbath, giving earnest attention to the word spoken. This would do much to help him with his preaching. But they should attend not to talk about and criticise what their minister says. He had got plenty of that from Professors and Presbyteries. He came to them not to be exercised in the same way but to instruct and edify them. They were to listen so as to become wiser and better. In order to instruct and edify them, their

minister would require to give much time to general reading, much time to the study of scripture, and much time to prepare his sermons. They would need to spare his time. At the close Mr. Chase in the usual way received a hearty welcome from the people of his charge.

Next meeting is appointed to be held at Truro on the 1st Tuesday of June.

A. L. WYLLIE, Clerk.

### Presbytery of St. John.

The Presbytery of St. John met according to appointment, in Carlton Presbyterian Church and was constituted, Present Revds. J. D. Murray, Moderator, Andrew Donald, Lewis Jack, James Bennet, James Grey, Samuel Houston, and N. McKay. After the reading and approval of the Minutes of the last meeting the Clerk read a communication from Saltsprings, which was handed in accompanied by \$10 50, which the people of Salt Springs allege to be the full balance due to Mr. Fraser. The Clerk was instructed to forward the said amount to Mr. Fraser, together with a copy of the accompanying communication. The Clerk was further instructed to communicate with the people of Golden Grove in regard to arrears due to Mr. Fraser by them. A partial report was read from Mr. J. K. Bearisto, by which it appeared that he had laboured during the term of his appointment at Saltsprings and adjacent stations. The report, so far as it went, was approved, but as Mr. Bearisto promises a more complete report accompanied by a statement of account, the Presbytery in the meantime instructed the Clerk to apply to the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions for a grant of twenty dollars for Mr. Bearisto on account. A communication from Rev. P. G. McGregor was read, intimating the withdrawal of Mr. Bearisto and the appointment to our bounds of Messrs. Dickie and McCurdy. Mr. Dickie was appointed to labour in Carlton and Pesarino, and Mr. McCurdy in Saltsprings, Norton, Hammond River, and Golden Grove, until the next meeting of Presbytery. The Rev. Lewis Jack tendered to the Presbytery his demission of his charge at Springfield and English Settlement. On motion, the demission was laid on the table until the first meeting of Presbytery after the meeting of Synod. Mr. Gray reported that parties from Saltsprings had applied to him asking for moderation in a call. The Presbytery resolved to hold the next regular meeting at Hammond River, and to summon the stations of Saltsprings, Norton, and Golden Grove, to meet the Presbytery there by their Commissioners on a day to be hereafter appointed, and the Clerk was directed to arrange with Mr.