

News of the Church.

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

The Presbytery of P. E. I., in connection with the P. C. L. P., met at Murray Harbor on Aug. 6th, and after sermon by the moderator, was constituted with prayer, and the Presbytery resumed the consideration of Mr. Lawson's demission. All the papers connected with the case were read, and the commissioners from the congregation heard. Mr. Lawson was also heard, and still pressed the acceptance of his resignation; whereupon the Presbytery unanimously accepted Mr. Lawson's demission of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Murray Harbor, the same to take effect on and after 9th inst., and appointed Rev. John Gillis to preach in said congregation on 16th inst., and declare it vacant. Rev. John Sutherland was appointed moderator of the Murray Harbor Session.

The Presbytery, in accepting the resignation of Rev. Mr. Lawson, agree to express their gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the progress made in the congregation during his pastorate, and as he has felt it his duty to demit his charge in order to serve the Master in another sphere of usefulness, they earnestly pray that Mr. Lawson's future labors in the Redeemer's cause may be abundantly blessed.

Having met for the Presbyterial Visitation of the congregation, the usual formula of questions was put to the several office-bearers, and were satisfactorily answered. The Members of Presbytery tendered to the congregation such counsel and words of encouragement as they deemed necessary. They expressed their sympathy with them in being deprived, in the meantime, of the stated services of a pastor; they rejoice to find such good manifestations of spiritual life and activity as exists among them; they note with special gratification that they have an elegant manse in course of erection, the whole cost of which is nearly subscribed. The Presbytery would further assure the congregation of their continued interest in them and care over them, and would urge them to be steadfast and unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, and earnestly pray that they may soon have another pastor to go in and out among them to break unto them the bread of life.

Rev. John Gillis was appointed to supply the congregation of Murray Harbor during the month of August.

The Presbytery met again in Charlottetown, on 26th Aug., when the call from Richmond Bay to Rev. H. Crawford was

sustained and presented to him. The call is signed by two hundred members, and by one hundred and eight adherents. The salary guaranteed at present is \$600. The Presbytery recommend the congregation to increase the salary, as soon as possible, to at least \$700, with a manse. Mr. Crawford having intimated his acceptance of the call, the induction was appointed to take place on Tuesday, 8th Sept.

Presbytery of Lunenburg and mouth.

This Presbytery met on the 29th Aug., in the Presbyterian Church, Yarmouth. Nearly all the ministers were present, and a few elders. The Rev. Ebenezer McNab was chosen Moderator for the ensuing year. The new Basis of Union was unanimously adopted. The recommendation of Synod anent Sabbath Schools was considered, when a committee was appointed to collect statistics, and report to next meeting of Presbytery. The congregation of Yarmouth was visited, and found to be working vigorously. A new Church is in process of erection, and the minister's salary has been increased to \$800.00.

On the two following days the Presbytery visited respectively the Chebogue and Carlton sections of Mr. Meek's congregation. There are only about a dozen families in each of these localities; but during the past year they raised for all purposes about \$1,100; \$600 of this was expended on repairing the church in Chebogue, \$400 were paid for salary, and about \$100 for missions. The spiritual life of the people as manifested by family worship, Sabbath Schools and Prayer-meetings is highly encouraging. Resolutions, embodying the Presbytery's view of the state of matters, were passed and read to the congregations. Members of Presbytery also gave such counsel and encouragement as seemed to them needful. Instead of the usual sermon before the visitation, a short time was spent in devotional exercises, consisting of praise, prayer, and brief practical addresses.

The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the church, Lunenburg, Friday evening of the 16th of Oct., for evangelistic services with the people, and general business.

P. M. MORRISON, Clerk.

Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax met in Poplar Grove, on Tuesday, September 1st. The amount of business before the Court was not large. The Presbytery spent some time in considering the Synod's remit, anent "Systematic Beneficence," and in