

endeavored to account for past deficiencies. Mr. Crawford spoke well; and the interest evinced by several young men in the congregation deserves commendation. The reports of labours by Rev. Messrs. McMillan and Farquharson were read and received. The Presbytery was informed that the Home Mission Board had appointed Rev. Messrs. Darragh and Sinclair in the room of others recalled. It was resolved to apply to the Board for Mr. Grant, Probationer, in addition to those appointed. A certificate was ordered to be given to Mr. J. A. F. Sutherland, Probationer, should he carry out his intention of proceeding to Canada. Mr. Laird was appointed Moderator of the Session of St. John's, New London, in the room of Mr. Ross, resigned. Mr. Darragh was appointed to New London, North, during the month of September.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Free Church, Charlottetown, on Tuesday, the 16th current, at 12 o'clock, noon.—*P. E. I. Protestant.*

This Presbytery met in the Free Church on Tuesday last. There were present the Rev. James Allan, Moderator; Isaac Murray, Alex. Munro, G. Sutherland, Clerk; D. McNeill, W. Ross, and A. Falconer, Ministers; and Mr. M. Gillis, elder. The Rev. H. McMillan being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member. The congregation at Strathalbyn asked moderation in a call, which was granted. Rev. A. Munro was appointed to moderate on the 13th October. The Presbyterial Certificate of Mr. A. Farquharson, from New Brunswick, was read and accepted. The Rev. D. McNeill of Woodville, after stating at length his views and prospects of the congregation there, agreed to withdraw his demission and continue in his present charge. The report of labors of Mr. John A. F. Sutherland, at Murray Harbor was read and approved.

The Pastoral Letter on Popery being called for, the Convener stated that a draft had been prepared, but on account of the absence of Members of the Committee, it was not yet ready for laying before the Presbytery. The Convener was authorized to summon the Committee within a fortnight and perfect the Address, and if they see cause, issue it to the country before the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. H. McMillan was appointed to Murray Harbor, for four Sabbaths, and Rev. A. Farquharson to New London North and Summerfield for the last Sabbath of this month. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Queen Square Church, on Tuesday the 14th October, at 12 o'clock noon.—*Ibid.*

PERSECUTIONS IN TUSCANY CEASED.—Rev. J. R. McDougall writes to the *New York Observer* from Florence, July 22, 1861:

"It affords me the greatest pleasure to inform you that the whole system of Tuscan persecutions has happily terminated. That against Gavazzi was allowed to fall to the ground. After a preliminary hearing, in which Christian courage and steadfastness were displayed by the eloquent Padre Peccenini, the Elba evangelist was condemned at Lucca, for a simple evangelical tract circulated in the Island. Just as an appeal against the unrighteous sentence was being taken to the higher Court of Florence, the King proclaimed, at Naples the removal of all sentences pronounced in connection with offences against the laws of the press, whereupon Peccenini was immediately absolved. Last week the Waldensian student, Gregori, and his right-hand man, Del Buono, in the Elba Mission, were acquitted, by a majority of nine to three in a jury of twelve, at Lucca, of all blame in circulating tracts in defence of evangelical truth."

Discussions of the boldest character are carried on by the native press. Says the same writer:

"The press has thrown wide open its columns to contributions which a year ago would have been designated Protestant hyperbole and propagandism. Threats of schism, expressions of impatience, and revelations of Antonellian trickery follow each other fast and furious. Offending bishops and priests are handled without scruple by the law officers. The presence of ecclesiastics is not coveted at the national festivals. Banter and ridicule have broken loose in the comic journals, on pseudo-religious politicians of the Vatican. Let such excitement go on a little longer, and no surprise need be felt should the questions be publicly debated. 'Is the papacy really the religion of the Bible?' 'Can the Pope possibly be the Vicar of Jesus Christ?'"