

on Sabbath the 15th December, and Mr. Gray at Salt Springs on Sabbath the 8th Dec.—the Rev. Simon Fraser to supply the pulpits of these deputies on those days.

#### RESIGNATION OF REV. WM. ALVES.

The Presbytery then proceeded to take up the resignation of Rev. Mr. Alves, which had been tabled at previous meeting.

Mr. Bennet reported that he had fulfilled the duty which had been entrusted to him, and had preached in Calvin Church and summoned a meeting of the congregation for Wednesday last, to appoint Commissioners to appear in their interests at next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Alves stated that a congregational meeting was held on the day named, and that Messrs. Stewart and McLaughlin, elders, and Messrs. Tufts, Logan and Finley, members of committee, and Mr. Forsyth, member of the congregation, were to appear before the Presbytery, and were now present.

Mr. Tufts laid before the Presbytery a minute of the congregational meeting, furnishing statistics of the financial condition of the congregation, and intimating that, while they regretted the necessity of the case, they do not feel warranted in undertaking the responsibility of any advance on the minister's salary.

Mr. Alves then stated that he believed that the congregation have done their best, that they have been under a strain for several years, that he does not see that matters are likely to improve very soon. He felt, therefore, constrained to urge that his resignation be accepted. He feelingly referred to his attachment to the brethren of the Presbytery and to the church in these Provinces, and to the cordial relations which have ever existed between him and this his first flock, of which he also has been the first pastor. But believing that, however painful the step to his feelings, God will overrule it for good; he would leave the matter in the hands of the Presbytery.—The parties being removed from the bar, after careful and anxious deliberation, the following resolution was unanimously adopted—"That having heard parties, and having given the subject their most serious consideration, fully feeling the serious loss which the congregation and the Presbytery will sustain by the removal of a brother whose ripe scholarship and popular gifts have made him an ornament to our church; feeling also the loss to the Presbytery, which will arise from his removal from the clerkship, yet the Presbytery, unable to find any other solution of the difficulty, resolve to accept the demission of Mr. Alves, and commend him and the congregation to the gracious care of the Head of the Church."

At the request of members of the session,

Mr. Alves was appointed to supply the pulpit, and also to be moderator of the session of Calvin church during the time he may remain within the bounds.

#### CLERKSHIP.

Mr. Alves having tendered his resignation of the clerkship, the Presbytery took occasion to record their sense of the great benefits they have derived from his business abilities in discharging the duties of the clerkship, accept his resignation, and appoint Mr. McKay to the vacant clerkship.

#### NEXT MEETING.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. David's Church on the second Wednesday of February, at 11 a. m. Closed with prayer.

#### Presbytery of Halifax.

This Presbytery met at Bridgewater, on Wednesday, 4th December, at 11 o'clock. Present, Revs. W. Duff, D. McMillan, and J. Forrest, ministers, and James Eisenhaur, ruling elder. The chief business was the induction of Rev. P. M. Morrison. Rev. John Forrest preached the induction sermon. Rev. Mr. Duff narrated the steps that had been taken; and after the usual preliminaries Mr. Morrison was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Bridgewater congregation. He was received into the Presbytery and his name added to the roll. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Newport, on Tuesday, 17th December, 11 o'clock, a. m.

This Presbytery met at Brooklyn, Newport, on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Present, Revs. John Cameron, John McLeod, J. McLean, E. Annand, and Allan Simpson, ministers, and H. Smith and Robert Murray, ruling elders. Mr. McLean was appointed moderator *pro tem*. The chief business of the day was to dispose of a petition from the Newport section of Mr. McLeod's congregation, asking for the whole of their pastor's time, and offering to undertake the responsibility of his support. The Kempt and Walton sections had been duly notified, and delegates from these sections were present. The Newport congregation urged their petition, and the other sections gave a reluctant consent. It was delightful to see on every side the most devoted attachment to the minister. No consideration, except regard for Mr. McLeod's health, which his present labours were breaking down, would induce the people of Kempt to part with him. His labours have been abundantly blessed in every part of his extensive field; and the very success of his work seemed to necessitate this separation. The Presbytery inquired very fully into the whole case,