

Rev. J. Allan, on the 3rd Sabbath of Oct., and the Rev. A. Campbell, on the 2nd Sabbath of Nov., the two latter at both diets of worship.

The Rev. A. McLean having requested assistance at his communion, to be held on the 1st Sabbath of October, it was agreed to request the Rev. A. Munro to assist him on that occasion.

The Rev. T. Cummings submitted a verbal report of his mission to Murray Harbor. The Presbytery agreed to receive the report, express their satisfaction with, and tender him their thanks for his services.

The Clerk was instructed to apply to the H. M. Board, for Mr. Hogg, probationer.

Adjourned to meet for Presbyterial visitation, at Mount Stewart, on Tuesday the 29th October, at 11 o'clock, Mr. Allan to preach, and at East St. Peter's on the 30th Oct. at the same hour, Mr. Falconer to preach.

ALEX. FALCONER, *Pby. Clerk.*

Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax met in Windsor on Wednesday, 9th inst., and was constituted by the moderator. Sederunt, Revs. John L. Murdoch, William Forlong, Wm. Maxwell, John McLeod, Donald McMillan, Donald S. Gordon, moderator, Edward Anand, Edward McCurdy and John Forrest, and Monson H. Godge and John S. Newcomb, Esqs., ruling elders. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A report of a meeting of Rev. Mr. Forlong's congregation held on the 22nd inst., was read as follows:—

“The Rev. Mr. Steele was appointed to the chair, after which the meeting was opened with prayer. Dr. Dodge was then aped secretary. The following resolution was moved by G. L. Morton, Esq., and seconded by Wm. McKettrick, Esq.—

That the congregation is desirous that no misapprehension of their feelings with regard to their pastor, Rev. Mr. Forlong, should arise from the expression contained in the latter clause of a resolution previously passed at a united meeting of the three Presbyterian congregations of Cornwallis, the report of which appeared in the *Witness* on the 7th of this month.

Resolved therefore, That while the congregation is of opinion that a union with North Cornwallis is highly desirable, in view of the better support of ordinances among us, provided such an union is entered into with the single object of advancing the interests of Christianity;—and whilst in order to accomplish such an union, they assented to their minister's resignation of his charge, if he should see fit, yet they feel it their duty to express their warm attachment to the Rev. Mr. Forlong as their minister, and to record their sense of his faithful labours

among them since he has been placed over them in the Lord,—and their deep regret that the financial state of this congregation should necessitate such a step as that contemplated.

This resolution was spoken to by Burgess Newcomb, Jno. S. Newcomb, G. L. Morton, Wm. McKettrick, and Geo. A. Blanchard, all of whom expressed their warm attachment to the Rev. Mr. Forlong, and their deep regret that they were unable to give an adequate support to their minister. The resolution was then passed unanimously; after which the Rev. Mr. Forlong stated it was his intention to tender his demission to the Presbytery, to take effect next spring. He deeply regretted to be obliged to take this step, and spoke with evident emotion of the prospect of a separation between him and his people, yet he felt it necessary to pursue this course for two reasons. First, from the small salary he received; and in making this statement he did not wish to be understood as complaining of their liberality, as he considered that his congregation in proportion to its numbers and wealth, gave as liberally to the support of their minister as any in this Province. Secondly, he hoped that after his demission a union would be effected between the two congregations, North and South, and he urged upon his people their duty to do all in their power to promote such a union.

The following resolution was then moved by John S. Newcomb, Esq., and seconded by George A. Blanchard, Esq., and passed unanimously:—

That this meeting having just heard the statements made by their pastor, Rev. Mr. Forlong, intimating his intention of tendering his resignation of his charge, do hereby express their deepest sympathy with him in the prospect of an early dissolution of the pastoral tie, and desire to convey to him and his family an expression of their warmest attachment, and their fervent prayer that wherever in the providence of God his lot may be cast, he may be abundantly blessed in his person, family and labours.

Throughout the whole proceedings much feeling was manifested by both minister and people, evincing that though pastor and people may in time to come, be widely separated, yet he will be ever remembered by them with feelings of ardent affection.”

After the reading of this paper the Rev. W. Forlong tendered to the Presbytery his demission of the charge of the congregation of South Cornwallis to take effect at the end of the financial year. After mature deliberation the following resolution was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, viz:

That inasmuch as the Presbytery have now before them a distinct statement of the views of the congregation of South Cornwallis, embodied in a minute of a congre-