

Presbytery Minutes.

Meeting of P. E. Island Presbytery.

The Presbytery of P. E. Island met at St. Peters on the 18th inst., in the South Church in the morning, and in the North Church in the evening. Divine Service was conducted in the former place by the Moderator, and in the latter by the Clerk. There was a fair attendance of members and elders present; and considering the busy season of the year, a fair representation of the congregations.

A call from the congregation of Tryon and Bonshaw was sustained. The call is addressed to Mr. W. P. Archibald, preacher of the Gospel, and is very cordial and harmonious. The salary promised is \$600 with a fair prospect of increase. Mr. Archibald having intimated his intention to accept the call, subjects of trial for ordination were prescribed. Rev. Mr. Melville was appointed to examine in Hebrew, Mr. McLeod in Greek, Mr. Laird in History, and Mr. Patterson in Theology.

The Presbytery also sustained a call from the congregation of Murray Harbor to Rev. Robert Thynne, of the London Presbytery. The call is signed by eighty three Communicants and by one hundred and sixty-two adherents. The salary offered is \$800, with the free use of a Manse and glebe. The clerk was ordered to transmit the call and other papers at once to the clerk of London Presbytery.

The Presbytery entered upon a consideration of the state of the congregation of East St. Peters. Found that some parties in the congregation had demanded the resignation of certain of the Elders as the only condition on which they would agree to support ordinances in future; while at the same time they advanced no charges whatever against said Elders. The latter expressed themselves desirous of the fullest investigation into their conduct, but no party appeared. They then, after expressing their sense of the injustice of the demand, stated that inasmuch as their continuance in office prevented the harmonious co-operation of parties in the congregation, they were prepared to retire, and resigned accordingly.

The Presbytery, while accepting the resignation of the Elders of East St. Peters' congregation, under these circumstances would record their high appreciation of their conduct and motives in sacrificing private feelings in order to advance the glory of God and promote the peace and harmony of the congregation.

Two members of Presbytery were ap-

pointed to preside at an election of Elders to serve in the congregation. Said election to take place on 12th September.

The next regular meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Georgetown on 8th September, at 7 o'clock p. m. It was also agreed to meet at Tryon on 28th September, to hear Mr. Archibald's ordination trials and to meet in the same place on the following day for his ordination and inductions. Rev. Mr. Carr was appointed to preach, Mr. Patterson to address the minister, and Mr. Duncan the congregation.

J. M. McLEOD,
Presb'y Clerk.

The Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond

Met for Presbyterial visitation of the congregation and other business at Mabou, on the 14th ult.

The replies to the questions shewed that minister and elders were earnestly engaged in the Lord's work, and that the people were fulfilling their pecuniary engagements and shewing interest in regard for religious ordinances.

The Pastor's salary was paid up, and \$235 paid to the schemes of the Church, and \$60 to other religious or benevolent objects by a congregation of 44 families.

The Church is to be repaired and improved, and when this is done the congregation were encouraged and advised to add to the minister's salary.

Rev. Adam McKay accepted the call from the congregation of Ripley, Ont., and his connection with his present charge dissolved. Next meeting at Forks, Baddeck, for Presbyterial visitation, on the last Tuesday of October, in the morning, and at the village in the evening.

Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax met in St. Matthew's Church on the 31st August. There was a large attendance. The petition of Richmond for being set up as a separate congregation was patiently considered. The Presbytery felt unable for the present to grant the request. Rev. J. R. Kean, Congregationalist minister, applied for admission to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Kean's papers were submitted to a Committee and found to be all that could be desired. The Presbytery resolved to transmit the application to the General Assembly with their cordial approval. Mr. E. Scott having accepted the call of Milford and Gay's River, appeared and delivered his trial discourses, which were