

intimating that he does not see his way clear to accept of the call addressed to him by Clyde River congregation. R. L.

This Presbytery met according to appointment, in the church at West Point, on the 7th ult. The members present were Revs. R. Laird, J. G. Cameron, and R. Cumming, Ministers; and Mr. A. Ramsay, Elder. The principal business before Presbytery was the ordination and induction of Mr. Charles Fraser, Preacher, Rev. R. Laird was chosen Moderator, and in the absence of Rev. I. Murray, was appointed to preside over ordain, and address the minister. After the preliminary steps had been attended to, Rev. Mr. Cameron preached an appropriate discourse from Matt. 21 : 28-32. The Moderator narrated the steps that had been taken in reference to the settlement of Mr. Fraser, and put to him the questions of the formula. These having been satisfactorily answered, the Moderator led in prayer, during which, and by the "laying on of the hands of the Presbytery," Mr. Fraser was ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation. The members of Presbytery welcomed their newly ordained brother; and he was suitably addressed by the Moderator in reference to his duties and responsibilities. Rev. R. Cumming also suitably addressed the people as to their duty to their pastor. The solemn services were closed with appropriate devotional exercises; and the congregation, on retiring, gave their pastor a cordial welcome in the usual manner. The name of Rev. Charles Fraser was added to the roll of Presbytery; and he was introduced to his Session by Rev. R. Cumming. The audience was large and deeply interested in the edifying proceedings. Mr. Fraser enters on an extensive and important field of labor, with the evident sympathy of his people and with encouraging prospects.

Messrs. Alex. Matthews and W. C. Montgomery, appeared before Presbytery, as commissioners from the congregation of Alberton and Tignish, and were received. They applied for a moderation in a call for one to be pastor in the congregation, and stated that the salary offered was £175, with the prospect of early increase, and that there was unanimity in the congregation. Their request was granted, and Rev. I. Cumming was appointed to preach at Alberton, on the third Monday of June, the 19th inst., and moderate in a call as desired. The congregation at Alberton, desiring the Lord's Supper, to be dispensed to them at an early day; Rev. R. Cumming was appointed to perform the duty on the third Sabbath of the month; Mr. A. F. Carr to occupy his pulpit. The

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the church at Summerside, on the last Tuesday of June, at 9 o'clock, a. m. The principal object of the meeting is to receive the trials for licence of Mr. A. F. Carr.

R. LAIRD, *Stated Clerk.*

Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

This Presbytery met at Tatamagouche on the 23rd May. Among other business, the Minute of the Board of Superintendence concerning the vacant Theological Chair was considered, when the following finding was agreed to:—

"That the Presbytery question the right of the Board without any authority from Synod, to draw up and transmit to the Presbyteries of the Church such a Minute, and in other circumstances would refuse to act upon it, but as nominations have already been very generally made, they agree to adhere to their nominations of last year, and recommend the Revs. George Patterson and Isaac Murray as fit and proper persons to fill the Chair of Systematic Theology."

The Rev. William Duff was nominated as Moderator of Synod.

The next meeting was appointed to be held at St. John during the meeting of Synod.

Presbytery of Pictou.

This Presbytery met at Pictou on the 30th ult. Rev. W. Duff was unanimously nominated for Moderator of Synod; Rev. G. Patterson who had been nominated by some other Presbyteries stating that he would withdraw in Mr. Duff's favour. Rev. D. B. Blair moved and Rev. J. McKinnon seconded the nomination of Rev. G. Patterson as Professor of Systematic Theology and Church History. Rev. Dr. Bayne moved and A. Grant, Esq., seconded that Rev. Professor McKnight be nominated to that chair. Rev. A. Ross moved and G. McKay, Esq., seconded that Principal Ross of Dalhousie College be nominated to that chair.—A call from Zion Church, Charlottetown, to Rev. John McLeod, was laid before the Presbytery, and the usual steps taken. Rev. J. D. Murray, in consequence of having offered himself as a Foreign Missionary, laid his demission on the table of Presbytery.—The Station of Westville has been organized into a Congregation with 93 members. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in John Knox's Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday the 20th inst. Reports on the state of religion are to be given in at this meeting.

In removing the name of Mr. Roderick McGregor from the Roll of Presbytery, it was agreed to offer prayer for his family,