

in Earlstown church at 11 a. m., for the ordination and induction of Mr Grant. The Rev Mr Thompson to preach, Mr Blair to preside and address the people in Gaelic, and Mr Patterson to address the minister.

The Rev Mr Ross was appointed to preach in Earlstown church on the second Sabbath of this month and read the Edict in reference to Mr Grant's ordination, and the Rev Mr Stewart to supply his pulpit on that day.

Supply of Preaching for Little Harbour.

Rev K. J. Grant, 2nd Sab. Sept.,	11 a. m.
" J. Stewart, 3rd "	11 "
Mr Wm. Grant, 4th "	11 "

Fisher's Grant.

Rev Mr Bayne, 2nd Sab. Sept.,	3 p. m.
" John Stewart, 3rd "	3 "
Mr Wm. Grant, 4th "	3 "

John Knox's Church, New Glasgow.

The Rev Alexander Stirling until the first Sabbath of October.

Mr Kenneth Mackay, student, was assigned the following subjects to be given in before he goes to the Hall:—Homily, 1 John iii. 1; Greek, the Epistle to the Ephesians, and Hebrew, Malachi.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet according to appointment. Concluded with prayer.

JOHN MACKINNON, *Clerk.*

Two Fathers Gone.

Rev THOMAS S. CROWE of Maitland, died on the 6th September, in the 83rd year of his age and the 54th of his membership. Rev. JOHN SPROTT, of Musquodoboit, died on the 16th ult., in the 90th year of his age. Mr. Crowe was the "Father" of the Synod, and we believe the oldest minister in Nova Scotia. Mr. Sprott was probably next in age as a minister, but older as a man. In the next *Record* we hope to give brief memoirs of these venerable departed fathers.

The late Dr. Burns.

The venerable Dr. Robert Burns died at Knox College, Toronto, on the 19th August, after a brief illness. He had just returned from a visit to Scotland, and was entering on his usual course of labour, when the final call came. He was 81 years of age. He was licensed in 1810 and ordained in 1811. During his long life he was an indefatigable labourer. He took an active part in the disruption. In 1845 he accepted a call to Toronto, and from that year till his death Canada was his home. For several years he was Professor of Church history and Apologetics in Knox College, and as Emeritus professor he con-

tinued his connection with it till the last. To quote from the *Canada Record*: "With apostolic zeal he performed an immense amount of mission work throughout the whole of Canada. More than once he visited the Lower Provinces; once at least he visited Newfoundland; while there was very few regions in Canada, east or west, however difficult of access, which he did not visit some time or other, and in which he did not seek to scatter the good seed of the Kingdom. His advancing years scarcely lessened the amount of his travelling and preaching. Not only were the summer months devoted to visits to mission stations and destitute localities, but even in winter he set apart the New Year holidays for what he called his "sligh mission," and devoted many Sabbaths beside to the same object. And we know well that these visits have been abundantly blessed, in refreshing and encouraging the hearts of the people, and giving a stimulus to their efforts in the cause of the gospel.

Dr. Burns had many qualifications which fitted him for taking a prominent position among his contemporaries, and for being a standard bearer in the conflicts which the revival of evangelical principles and the progress of social reforms brought about in his day. His natural endowments were of a superior order. His reading was varied and extensive, while a memory singularly retentive and ready enabled him to have at command the results of his reading. His style was clear, manly, and vigorous. His principles were not taken up just to suit the times, but were conscientiously held, and freely and fearlessly expressed. His energy was untiring. As a preacher he was evangelical, impressive, and often powerful. His discourses were full of sound theology, enriched by apt illustrations, and even to his latest years were delivered with remarkable energy. In 1828, in acknowledgment of his theological learning and labours, he received from the University of Glasgow the degree of D.D. He was elected Fellow of the Royal Society, and was also a member of the Antiquarian, and other learned societies.

Statistics.

My Dear Mr. Editor,—In the "remarks on the Statistical Table," published in the last number of the *Record*, there is one statement to which I take exception. It is this—"Two city charges in St. John, N. B.—families 280—contributions \$2321.09—rate \$11.86—far below the average of their class." My objection is, that this statement is unjust to two of our congregations. I do not say that either has done its duty. But by the method of grouping adopted, in taking two of a class and striking an ave-