

LaHave congregations, at which the members of Presbytery addressed the audience on the different schemes of the Church. The meetings were thus rendered peculiarly interesting, as well as profitable. The Presbytery was appointed to meet at Lunenburg, on the 2nd Thursday of April, at 10 a. m., for ordinary business.

P. M. MORRISON, *Clerk*.

Presbytery of Truro.

This Presbytery, pursuant to appointment, met at Truro March 7th. Sederunt, the Rev. Messrs. Ross, Moderator, Baxter, McCulloch, D. D., Bvers, Wyllie, Sinclair and Chase, M. A., Ministers; and Messrs. Barnhill, Johnson, Smith, Flemming and Dunlap, ruling elders. The Rev. H. B. McKay, of River John, being present, was invited to correspond, and took his seat accordingly. The Presbytery fixed the bounds of the new congregation lately laid off to the East of Truro, and resolved that it be hereafter known as the congregation of Coldstream. A petition was laid on the table from parties on the East Mountain, connected with the congregation of Onslow, and transmitted by their Session, praying the Presbytery to dis-join them from that congregation and connect them with Coldstream. Commissioners were heard and the proposed changes considered, when it was unanimously agreed, "That the Presbytery recognize the prayer of the petition as just and reasonable, and resolve to grant it as soon as can be done consistently with present arrangements, and existing pecuniary obligations."

The Clerk stated that he had cited the Rev. Jacob McLellan as directed, and read a copy of the citation. He then laid on the table the following letter received in reply:

NOEL, Feby. 28th, 1871.

To the Presbytery of Truro: A. L. Wyllie, *Clerk*.

DEAR BRETHREN.—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of the Clerk of Presbytery of the 18th inst., citing me to appear before your court at its next meeting at Truro, on March 7th, to answer for what the Presbytery is pleased to designate the divisive courses which I have followed in my intimated withdrawal from the church; and to defend myself against a certain charge of grave immorality. I beg to reply,—

1st. That from the time that by my letter to the Presbytery of the 14th December, 1870, in which I intimated my withdrawal from the Church, and requested the removal of my name from the Presbytery Roll, of which fact, as also of my people's becoming an independent congregation, re-

putuating the right of the Presbytery to control the Session any longer in the exercise of discipline, public notice was given in the *Halifax Citizen*, I have regarded myself no longer amenable to your court, and do therefore positively refuse to respond to your citation.

2nd. As to the charge of immorality, for which I am cited to answer after I have left your Presbytery, and am no longer subject to its jurisdiction, I may be permitted to say, that the slander circulated against me more than a year ago, was then dealt with by my Session, and my innocence was not only fully established by positive evidence, but was publicly proclaimed, and that the slanderer never appeared before the Session, though twice cited, nor did her representative appear before said Session, nor was any evidence in her favour sent thereto; that there was no appeal from the Session, nor any application for a reconsideration.

As, however, I feel most keenly this attempt to slander my character and damage my ministerial influence by means of an accusation taken up by an ecclesiastical court of which I am no longer a member, I request your Court to present me with a copy of the papers sent in by Mr. Crockett, that in the event of me and my people seeking to join any other branch of the Christian Church in Nova Scotia, that body may be able to form an enlightened and impartial judgment in the case.

JACOB McLELLAN.

I hereby certify that the above statement in reference to the action of Session in the slander in question, and the circumstances connected with it, are correct and perfectly in accordance with the record of the same as kept by our Church.

ROBERT FAULKNER, *Clerk*.

On hearing this letter, it was resolved that inasmuch as Mr. McLellan has been guilty of contumacy in disowning the authority of the Presbytery and positively refusing to respond to its citation, the Presbytery might now proceed to adjudicate in the case. (Rules and Forms U. P. Church, Chap. VI. Sec. III. 18; and proposed Rules of Procedure P. C. L. P. Chap. VIII. Sec. III. 38.) It was, however, decided to cite him again with notification that at next meeting the Presbytery will proceed as they may see cause.

The revival of religion of which notice of motion had been given was taken up. The Moderator, the Clerk and Mr. McKay, with their representative elders, were appointed a committee to consider the whole subject and report at next meeting.

An overture on the subject of Temperance was presented from Mr. R. Morrison, U. Londonderry, transmitted by his Session. It set forth that the evils of Intemperance