

The next meeting was appointed to be held in Poplar Grove Church on Wednesday, 24th November, at 11 o'clock, a m.

The Presbytery of Halifax met in Poplar Grove Church on the 24th ult., and was constituted by the moderator, Rev E. A. McCurdy.

Rev P. M. Morrison reported that he had met with the congregation of Clyde and Barrington, notified them of the call addressed to their pastor, from the Foreign Mission Board—gave them a copy of the reasons for his translation and cited them to appear at this meeting for their interest. Revs P. G. McGregor and E. A. McCurdy appeared in behalf of the F. M. Board and Rev P. M. Morrison as the representative of the congregation of Clyde and Barrington. The papers were read and the parties heard, when Professor McKnight led the Presbytery in prayer for divine direction. After which Mr Henry stated that having given the whole matter his serious and prayerful consideration he felt it to be his duty to decline the call and gave a full statement of his reasons for doing so.—In this decision the Presbytery unanimously acquiesced.

The delegation to Shelburne reported that they had held meetings in the different sections of that congregation and that the people had readily and cheerfully increased their subscription for the support of ordinances to \$600. On motion it was agreed to receive the report, approve the diligence of the delegation and express gratification at the increased liberality of the congregation. The moderation asked for at a previous meeting was granted and Rev Mr Henry appointed to preach in Shelburne on 9th December, and moderate.

The Presbytery then proceeded to hear Mr Dickie's trials for ordination, when he delivered a lecture on John xv: 1-8; a popular sermon on Luke xv: 2, and read an exercise and additions on Rev i: 18. He was then examined in Church History, Theology, Greek and Hebrew. All these trials were highly creditable to Mr Dickie and were cordially sustained by the Presbytery. The ordination was appointed to take place on the 22nd December at 11 o'clock, a m, in the Presbyterian church at Sheet Harbour. The moderator was appointed to preside, Rev Edward Grant to preach, Rev Mr Simpson to address the minister and Rev Mr Glendinning the people.

Rev D. S. Gordon of Annapolis being in ill health, the Presbytery express their sympathy with him and appoint the following supply for his pulpit, viz:—Mr Dickie, the first and second Sabbaths of December, Mr Hogg, the third and Mr McLeod the fourth Sabbaths of the same month.

Rev Mr Henry gave notice of an over-

ture to Synod anent the division of the Presbytery of Halifax.

Reports of Missionary labor in Digby, Bedford, Mount Uniacke and Sheet Harbour, were read and approved. B, the report from Digby it appears that the Presbyterians in that place had subscribed about \$200 to provide themselves with a place of worship, and that they would require a good deal of assistance to enable them finish their church. On motion it was agreed to recommend each congregation within the bounds of the Halifax Presbytery to contribute at least \$20 to aid the brethren in Digby to erect a suitable place of worship.

The next meeting was appointed to be held at Sheet Harbor, on the 22nd of December at 11 o'clock, a m.

### The Theological Hall

Was opened on the 1st Nov., by a very able Lecture from Rev. Professor McKnight on Hebrew Poetry. He shewed that the most marked feature of the Poetry of the Hebrew writers is what is known as "Parallelism," which he explained and illustrated in a manner so lucid and interesting as to secure the attention not only of the ministers and students present, of whom there were a goodly number, but also of a general audience of considerable extent.

A gentleman of ability, who was expected to address the students, not being able to be present, Rev. Dr. Ross, as previously requested, addressed the people. We regret that our limits prevent our giving even an outline of the Dr's. remarks, farther than just to indicate his line of observation, viz., that the Hall was the property of the whole people and they were all deeply interested in its efficiency. They could not devolve the whole responsibility on the Professors and the Board. He then shewed that the Professors were entitled to a prompt and liberal pecuniary support, maintaining that two properly sustained would prove more beneficial and successful than three inadequately supported, that the students should be encouraged and cheered by a reasonable amount of social enjoyment, and more especially, that both Professors and Students should know and feel that they were sustained by the earnest prayers of all the Lord's people.

There are ten Students in attendance.