

portion of the church have had a minister settled among them, and though they are not numerous, yet the zeal and liberality which they have manifested in obtaining a settled pastor, induce the hope that the union now formed may through the blessing of the Great Head of the church be happy for those concerned, and result in salvation of many souls.

Mr. John D. Murray, Student of Theology of the third year, presented his certificates of attendance on the Theological Classes, and was examined on the course of study through which he had passed, when it was unanimously agreed that he be taken on trials for license. Subjects of trial were assigned him, to be given in at next meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery met again in Primitive Church, New Glasgow, on the 17th, when Mr. John D. Murray delivered a lecture, a popular sermon, a homily and an exercise with additions, and was examined in Greek, Hebrew and Theology. Having passed all his exercises to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, he was licensed in the usual manner to preach the everlasting gospel.

The Rev. Angus McGillivray tendered his demission of the charge of the congregation of Springville, which he has held for a period of nearly forty years, to take effect at the first of July next, provided the requisite arrangements for that purpose can be completed by that time. The Presbytery appointed members to visit the congregation, to intimate this to the congregation, and to take measures for the settlement of arrears and to obtain a retiring allowance for Mr. McG.

The Rev. D. B. Blair was appointed to preach at Lochaber on the 2nd Sabbath of June, and to call a meeting of the congregation, and to take measures to have the arrears due to Rev. A. Campbell liquidated.

The Rev. John Sutherland was appointed to supply Salt Springs on the first Sabbath of each month during the present year.

Sessions were enjoined to pay in at Synod their contribution to the Presbytery fund, and those Sessions, which are in the practice of electing their Presbytery Elders previous to the meeting of Synod were enjoined to forward their commissions to the Clerk at least fourteen days before the meeting of Synod.

### Presbytery of Halifax.

This Court met in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, on Wednesday, the 4th May.—There were present Rev. Professor King, Rev. Messrs. P. G. McGregor, John Cameron, William Maxwell, W. Murray, A. Stuart, Professor McKnight, Donald McMillan, Donald S. Gordon, and Thomas Cumming, ministers, and Messrs. Peter Mc-

Nab, Alex. James, Dr. Forrest, M. H. Goudge and Robert Murray, Ruling Elders.

A memorial from Andrew Shiels, Esq., was read, and the farther consideration of it was postponed to next meeting, and the session of Dartmouth, whom it concerns, are summoned to answer it. An overture on statistics and congregational reports by A. James Esq., was remitted for consideration to a special committee to report to next meeting of Presbytery. A communication from the Free Church Colonial Committee relating to the death of Rev. Dr. John Bonar, for many years the Convener of the Committee, was read, when the following minute was adopted:—

"The Presbytery desire to express their deep sympathy with the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland in the loss which they and the Church have sustained in the removal by death of their late Convener, the Rev. Dr. John Bonar. They are persuaded that much of the progress which has been made of late years by the Colonial Churches has been owing, under the blessing of the Great Head of the Church to the encouragement and aid which they have received from that Colonial Committee, and the affectionate and judicious management of the late Dr. Bonar as their Convener. The Presbytery appoint that an extract of this be transmitted to the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland."

The next meeting of the Presbytery is to be held in Poplar Grove Church on Wednesday the 22nd June, 11 o'clock, A. M.

## Fire-side Reading.

### Conversion of Children.

You say you do not believe in the conversion of children. Why? Do you think they are not capable of knowing good from evil? If so, you do wrong to punish them as severely as you say you do when they disobey you. Your object in punishing, then, is to make them sorry for their conduct. If they are capable of sorrow for sins against you, they can have sorrow for sins against God, if rightly instructed. If your little girl six years old asked you if she could not play on the Sabbath if she shut the blinds and made it dark, so that God could not see her, did she not realize, in some degree, that verse, "Thou God seest me?" When she told you the other day that Sammy had told a lie, because he said he had not eaten a piece of cake when he had eaten it, did you not whup Sammy, believing she knew what a lie was? You boasted of her