

with God for it—old and young, parent and child, alone and in our social worship; and then shall the Spirit be poured out from on high, the wildernesses and solitary places shall be glad; then shall be added daily to the church of such as shall be saved.

Yours very truly,
DONALD MORRISON.

Dartmouth, Sept. 14th, 1863.

The Synod Minutes.

I had not an opportunity of seeing the proof of the Synod minutes before they were printed, as I desired. They are in general accurate, but require a few corrections.

1st. In the Synod Roll the letters after the names of members should have been omitted. They were in the original copy, and were not marked out when it was sent to the Printer, as I wished to keep it *in re-tentis*, but they were not intended for publication.

2ndly. On page 11, after the reception of Rev. Neil McKay as deputy from the Synod of New Brunswick, there should have been added, "and by invitation took his seat as a corresponding member of Synod."

3rdly. I notice the following verbal inaccuracies: Page 18, In abstract of Synod accounts, for "forwarded by E. M. Board &c," read "loaned so"; Page 19, 2nd. Paragraph, for "Tuesday" read "Sabbath."

4thly. On Page 25, at the paragraph as to the disposal of the building in Truro, it should have been "the Board of Superintendence of Educational Institutions" instead of "Committee on Dalhousie College."

GEORGE PATTERSON.

Explanation

The distribution of the *Record* for August was greatly delayed by a change in the Post Office regulations of this Province, which subjected every copy of this and similar publications to a tax of two cents. We forwarded the bulk of our August issue by *Express*, but some copies were not mailed till early in September.

The same cause that hindered the circulation of the August number prevented our publication of the September number till

now—nearly three weeks after the proper date. Last week, however, we received intimation that the *Record* would be allowed as heretofore to pass through the Nova Scotia Post Office free of charge until further orders. We accordingly lay it before our readers with as little delay as possible.—The *Record* for October will be issued at the beginning of that month.

Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, met in Poplar Grove Church on Tuesday the 18th ult., at 11 o'clock, A. M. Present, Rev. Professors King and McKnight, J. McLean, and Dr. Forrest and Robert Murray, Ruling Elders. Rev. D. Morrison was asked to take his seat as a corresponding member. Professor King was chosen Moderator, Rev. William Murray stated clerk, being unavoidably absent, Rev. James McLean was appointed clerk, *pro tem*. The Presbytery heard the trials of Mr. James D. Gordon for ordination, and cordially sustained them; as also the trials of Mr. Thomas Cumming, whose ordination was appointed to take place on the evening of the 3rd Sept., at half-past seven o'clock, in the College Hall, Gerrish Street. Professor McKnight was appointed to preach and preside at Mr. Cumming's ordination and induction, and the Rev. A. Stuart, to address the minister and people.

Trials for license was prescribed to Mr. E. McNab.

The Presbytery took into consideration a memorial from Mr. John Grierson, in which he complained of the Kirk Session of South Cornwallis in not granting him a certificate of Church membership. The minutes of Synod bearing on the subject was read. The Clerk was enjoined to send a copy of the memorial to the Moderator of the Kirk Session, and cite the Session to appear at the next meeting of Presbytery to give answer in the matter, and to notify Mr. Grierson to appear in support of his memorial.

Rev. Messrs. Christie and McLeod, and Robert Murray, were appointed a deputation to visit presbyterially the congregation of Shelburne, at their earliest convenience.

At the evening sederunt the Rev. William Maxwell being present, laid before the Presbytery his credentials and was invited to correspond. A resolution from the Congregation of Chalmers' Church, requesting the Presbytery to take immediate steps for the induction of Mr. Maxwell was read, and Messrs. McKinlay and Barnes appeared as Commissioners from the Congregation.—After considerable consultation the follow-