

constitute that the new Moderator be introduced to the members.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in St John Presbyterian Church, St. John, on the 12th day of December current, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Presbytery of Truro.

This Presbytery met at Truro, Nov. 21, at 11 o'clock, A. M. The forenoon Session was occupied with Mr. Layton's ordination trials. He delivered a popular sermon and a Lecture as had been prescribed, and read on Exercise and Additions on the *Logos*. These discourses were cordially sustained. He was also examined in Hebrew, Greek, Theology, and Church History. In all these he acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of the Presbytery. The exercises were accordingly sustained and approved in *cumulo* as trials for ordination. In the afternoon the first business was the reconstruction of the congregations of Maitland and Noel. The 1st and 2nd having been united, papers were read and commissioners appeared praying that they be divided into the congregation of Maitland and the congregation of Noel. A letter also was read from the Clerk of the Presbytery of Halifax, recommending that in the reconstruction regard would be had to certain stations or sections belonging to that Presbytery, which might with advantage to all parties be associated with Noel, those places being transferred to the Presbytery of Truro, or Noel to be transferred to the Presbytery of Halifax, according as might be agreed upon. The Presbytery having considered the matter resolved that the congregations be divided as proposed, and that the Salma church be the line. It was also resolved that in the opinion of this Presbytery, Noel, as proposed to be organized, should belong to the Presbytery of Halifax. The clerk was accordingly directed to intimate to the clerk of that Presbytery that said congregation of Noel would be transferred as soon as they were prepared to take the oversight of it. In the meantime the Rev. J. Byers was appointed to convene the elders west of the said line, and constitute them into the Session of the congregation of Noel, and continue its Moderation until transferred.

Messrs Dickie and Tupper, Commissioners from the congregation of Stewiacke appearing, laid on the table a unanimous Call to the Rev. Mr. Goodfellow of Ontario. The Moderation had not been proceeded in according to prescribed order. The Presbytery hearing from parties an explanation for so acting sustained the Call, directed that it be forwarded to Mr. Goodfellow, and appointed the Rev. Dr. McCulloch, Messrs.

Sinclair, Chase and Smith a commission for Induction in the case of his acceptance.

The Presbytery again met on the following day at Coldstream, for the ordination of Mr. Layton. The Rev. Mr. Wilkins of Truro was present and on invitation took a seat as a corresponding member, and took part in the ordination services. The day was wet and stormy; still the congregation was large, the church being well filled, although no doubt many more would have been in attendance if the day had been pleasant. The Moderator preached, his text being 2 Thes. iii. 1, "Brethren pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified." The line of thought was; the request made; the reason assigned; and the end to be secured. The discourse was appropriate and impressive. The questions of the formula being put and answered, Mr. Layton was through prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery ordained. He was suitably addressed on the duties of the Ministry, and the congregation on what they owed to him as their pastor. The interest of the service was maintained to the close.

Appointed next Meeting at the Fawleigh, U. Londonderry, for visitation, on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1872.

A. L. WYLLIE, Clerk.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in John Knox's Church on the 21st Nov., and was constituted by the Rev. Geo. Walker, Moderator pro tem.

The Rev. Samuel Bernard being present, took his seat as a corresponding member.

Messrs. Donald Mackay and Alexander Campbell appeared as commissioners from the congregation of John Knox's Church, asking the Presbytery to appoint one of their number to Moderate in a Call to one to be their pastor.

Their application was granted and the Rev. Mr. Ross was appointed to preach in their Church on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 11 A. M., and moderate in a Call.

Supply was then arranged for the vacancies within the bounds.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of Presbytery in James' Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 11 A. M.

JOHN MACKINNON.

Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

This Presbytery met at Tatamagouche on Dec. 5th. The clerk called attention to a letter in a recent number of the *Witness*, reflecting upon him for not transmitting to that paper a full report of the proceedings of the late meeting of Presbytery—