

Mr. Messrs. Scott, Boyd and Jardine, Messrs. and Mr. R. McDonald, Elder.

The Minutes of last ordinary meeting were sustained and ordered to be engrossed. The Session Records of St. Andrews and Matthew's Churches were then produced, and examined by a Committee of Presbytery, approved and ordered to be attested.

The Clerk produced an attested roll of the members of this Presbytery, which was ordered to be transmitted to the Synod Clerk.

The court then took into consideration, the perim act sent down from last meeting of Synod, and the calling and settling of ministers within the bounds of Nova Scotia and E. Island, and the following was their decision. No. 1 agreed to; No. 2 not agreed to; No. 3 agreed to with the following addition after "he shall have preached to said congregation" by appointment of the Presbytery. No. 4, agreed to; No. 5 not agreed to; No. 6 agreed to with the exceptions previously mentioned.

Owing to Mr. Stewart's indisposition, Mr. Scott officiated for him on the evening preceding the meeting of Presbytery, and Mr. Stewart was appointed to preach here on the evening of Wednesday, 1st of August.

The Rev. George W. Stewart read a very admirable and encouraging report of his missionary labors at Truro and Musquodoboit, during the last three months, which met with the unanimous and cordial approbation of the members, after which he received the following appointments to preach. At Truro, on Sabbaths, May 6th and 13th; at Musquodoboit, on Sabbaths, May 20th and 27th; at Truro on Sabbath, June 3rd and 10th; at Musquodoboit on Sabbaths, June 17th and 24th; at Truro on Sabbaths, July 1st and 8th, and at Musquodoboit on Sabbaths, July 15th, 22nd and 29th, was enjoined to bring a written report of his labors to next meeting.

Superintendent of Missions reported verbally that he had been fully employed since last meeting of Presbytery.

The Clerk read an application from the Rev. Donald McRae, St. Johns, Newfoundland, soliciting leave of absence, and a substitute to fill his pulpit during said period. The Presbytery, whilst sympathising with Mr. McRae's application for assistance, feel themselves in present circumstances unable to comply with his request, and the Clerk was instructed to send him an extract of this finding.

The congregations within the bounds are enjoined to fill up the statistical and financial returns required by the Synod.

The Superintendent of Missions submitted the first annual report of the Church of Scotland Missionary Association in Nova Scotia, for 1859. The members of the Court having already had an opportunity of perusing this document, are enabled to express a highly favorable opinion of the labors of the Association, and will always be ready and willing

to co-operate with them in providing for the spiritual necessities of the people, and they trust that by their continued exertions they will be instrumental in supporting additional laborers within the bounds of this Presbytery.

It was moved by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Jardine, that an overture be prepared and transmitted to the Synod, recommending that steps should be taken for the suitable celebration of the Tricentenary of the Reformation from Popery, and the Moderator, Mr. Boyd, and the Clerk were appointed a committee to prepare and transmit said overture. Mr. Martin, Convener.

The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in this place on the first Thursday of August, being the 2nd day of that month, at 11 o'clock, forenoon. The meeting was closed with prayer.

THOMAS JARDINE, Pres. Clerk.

THE REV. GEO. W. STEWART'S REPORT OF HIS MISSIONARY LABORS IN TRURO AND MUSQUODOBOIT DURING THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY MARCH AND APRIL.

On Sabbath, the 5th February, I conducted divine worship twice in the Temperance Hall, Truro. In the morning at 11, and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. At the morning diet of worship the attendance was good, but on former occasions I have had better; while in the afternoon, as it is always, ever since I commenced my labors here, was very numerous. I have ever felt great pleasure in this mission, to open up the Scriptures, to expound the cardinal virtues of our most holy faith, and to press home the duties of religion on the attention of so devout and earnest an audience, that here, Sabbath after Sabbath, wait on my ministrations. Next Sabbath, the 11th inst., I went up the North River, and preached at 10 a. m. in the Methodist Chapel, to a very large and attentive congregation. I find the attendance here is daily increasing, although, not a mile distant, there was another meeting for public worship being like ourselves assembled. After service here, I immediately returned to the beautifully situated town of Truro, and at 3 p. m. preached the glad tidings of the Gospel to an exceeding large congregation of apparently deeply impressed hearts.

On my return to Musquodoboit, I, on Sabbath the 19th inst., went down to Meagher's Grant Settlement, to conduct public service. It was with great difficulty I could be there, owing to the state of the roads, great portions of which were covered with drifts of snow to the depth of five or six feet, the conduits were shut up and overflowing with a deluge of water: so much so, that I was under the necessity of finding a passage for the horse and sleigh across fields, in order to get forward to my duty. This was attended with much de-