

curred in commending the diligence with which they discharged their several duties.

The only other business transacted was the receiving reports of Missionary labor, and appointing supply of preaching for vacancies and stations within their bounds.

The Presbytery is to meet again for Presbyterial visitations in Knox Church, New Glasgow on Tuesday, 24th Jany., at 11 o'clock, sermon by the Rev George Roddick, in Primitive Church, the same evening, sermon by the Rev K. J. Grant, and on the following day in James Church, sermon by the Rev Alex Ross.

Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

On Tuesday the 20th Jany., the Presbytery of Tatamagouche met at Goose River, for the purpose of inducting the Rev W. S. Darragh to the pastoral oversight of that congregation. The attendance was not large owing partly to the state of the roads. The Rev T. Sedgewick preached from Song of Sol. I, 6. last clause of the verse. The questions of the formula were put to Mr Darragh, and satisfactorily answered, and he received the right hand of fellowship from the members of Presbytery who were present. The Rev Mr McKay then delivered an earnest and faithful charge to the newly inducted minister and Mr Sedgewick addressed the members of the congregation who were present on their duties to their pastor. Mr Darragh was warmly greeted by the people on their retiring. It will be remembered that Mr Darragh demitted the charge of this congregation some eighteen months ago from causes which at that time fully justified the course he took. He returns now with a fair prospect of success—which we hope and trust will be realized.

Presbytery of Halifax.

This Reverend Court met in the Session House of Chalmers Church on Wednesday the 28th, and Thursday the 29th of January.

There were present Rev. P. G. McGregor, Moderator, Rev. John L. Murdoch, Professor King, John Cameron, James McLean, William Murray, Alex. Stewart, Professor McKnight, and Donald McMillan, ministers, and Messrs. Charles Robson, Robert Murray, and W. H. Blanchard, ruling elders.

Rev Mr Clark of Shelburne having asked the Presbytery for a delegation of Presbytery, it was agreed that the Moderator, Rev Professor King and Rev. J. L. Murdoch, be appointed to prepare a letter setting forth the views of the Presbytery on the subject submitted to them by Mr Clark.

The following supplies were appointed for Professor Smith's pulpit for the month of February. Rev. P. G. McGregor on Sab-

bath 1st. day of February. Rev. John McLeod, 8th., Rev. James McLean, 15th., Rev. Robt. Sedgewick, 22nd of February.

In answer to a memorial, the preaching station in the North End was erected into a congregation, and the Rev P. G. McGregor, and Messrs Charles Robson and George Hutton were appointed an interim session.

A reference from Chalmers' Church Session was sustained, and the following resolution passed, "That while this Presbytery recognize the expediency of a minister in peculiar circumstances (such as a person hastily leaving the place) granting a certificate as Moderator of Session, yet in the case now before the Presbytery no such expediency existed, and that the matter ought to have been reported to the session for its approval; and that the certificates to be granted to parties leaving Chalmers Church in similar circumstances be *bona fide* certificates of Session."

Rev James McLean was appointed Moderator of Chalmers' Church Session, Professor McKnight having resigned.

Mr John Lamont having undergone the usual trials, was licensed to preach the Gospel.

A memorial from H. B. Webster Esq., with letter addressed to him by Rev. W. Forlong was read:—Mr. Webster requesting investigation of certain charges. A letter from Mr. Forlong requesting a Presbyterial visitation was also read. The Presbytery agreed to meet in the Presbyterial Church, Kentville, on the first Wednesday of March, at 10 A. M. for investigation of this matter, for Presbyterial visitation, and for transaction of ordinary business. Mr. Wm. Stuart was directed to proceed to Yarmouth. Mr Lamont was appointed to officiate at the Grant, Musquodoboit, for the first two Sabbaths of February.

Letter from Rev. H. B. Mackay.

RIVER JOHN, Jan. 8th, 1863.

Mr Editor,—

In the November No. of the *Record*, you have an article on Manses—a part of church property which, we fear, is very much neglected by too many congregations. Our congregation in this place seemed to have anticipated your remarks on that subject, for the week before the arrival of the *Record* containing the article in question they entered into arrangements by which a Manse could be procured, and since that time those arrangements have been completed—securing a Manse for the future comfort of their minister at a cost of \$800. The spirit manifested at the meeting held for the consideration of the subject was such as shewed a determination on the part of all to secure their object, and as a proof of this,