

The congregation of Barrington and Clyde River petitioned for the moderation of a call to a Minister, which was granted. The Rev. Mr. Clarke of Shelburne, was appointed to moderate on the occasion.

In answer to application from Rev. George Christie of Yarmouth, for Missionary assistance, the Rev. Hugh McMillan was appointed to labour under Mr. Christie's direction for four weeks.

A letter was then read from Rev. James A. Murray, informing the Presbytery that he had accepted a Call from the congregation at Bathurst, New Brunswick, in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland—that the Annapolis congregation would be vacant from date of letter—and asking the Presbytery for certificate, &c. The Presbytery had not been consulted in the matter previous to his accepting the Call. He had taken the decisive step of leaving his post where the Church had placed him, and now he sought the sanction of the Presbytery. He expressed much regard for the Presbytery, and assured his brethren that he had not changed his principles. He anticipated a time when he would once more belong to the same church with the Presbytery, and gave strong assurances that his motives were pure. This application gave rise to a very interesting and instructive discussion. The solemn nature of the pastoral tie was dwelt upon and it was shewn that no minister can, in consistency with his vows of ordination, sever that tie. It belongs to the Presbytery to do so. It was shewn that for the minister of Annapolis or of any congregation summarily to desert a post in which the church had placed him, would be to act inconsistently with his solemn engagements. It was also shewn that for Mr. Murray to pursue the course he had indicated would be to forsake the principles to which he had subscribed a few months ago at Pictou. Members of Presbytery expressed much personal regard for him and much regret for the step he seemed resolved upon taking. The church had interests in him and the congregation, which must not be ignored either by him or the Presbytery. It was therefore unanimously resolved to cite him to appear before the next meeting of Presbytery, to answer in the premises.

The Committee appointed to confer with Rev. John Hunter, anent his demission of his charge, reported. After various explanations, the Committee was re-appointed, and directed to report to the Presbytery at its meeting on Thursday. This report was satisfactory to the Presbytery. The demission was accepted; the pastoral tie between Mr. Hunter and the congregation was dissolved; Mr. Hunter was certified as a minister in good standing in the Church, and he was requested to preside at the Communion to take place in Chalmers's Church on the first Sabbath of February, and to supply the Church as long as he could remain in the Province. Rev. Mr. Cameron was appointed Moderator of the Chalmers's Church Session.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Middle Musquodoboit, for Presbyterial Visitation, on Tuesday the 5th of March.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The Queen's Square Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, was opened for worship on the 6th January. The *Protestant* says:—"The Church is an ornament to our city. In both design and execution, it is probably unequalled in the Island. The internal finishing reflects great credit upon the Messrs. Fraser, of Middle River, Pictou, who have spared no pains in fulfilling their contract. The pulpit is one of the neatest pieces of architecture of the kind that we have ever seen." The congregation is to be supplied by the Rev. S. D. McGillivray till the meeting of Synod.

Rev. Mr. Sutherland's congregation "has been increased by at least sixty communicants" during the last four years. Two householders and five communicants have been recently added,—and these not gained from any other Presbyterian body. "Were it not for removals from the place Mr. Sutherland's charge would be much larger than it is."

PRESENTATIONS.—The Bible Class of the Rev. John L. Murdoch, Windsor, presented their pastor with a purse containing \$40 as a Christmas gift. It was accompanied with a very kindly Address, to which Mr. Murdoch made an appropriate Reply.