

words of encouragement and advice the Presbytery adjourned, to meet in Windsor in the evening. At 7 P.M., the Presbytery met in Windsor, and after sermon by Rev. John Forrest, was constituted by the Moderator. Sederunt the same as in the morning, with the addition of Rev. J. Hogg. The usual questions were put and answered in a most satisfactory manner. The congregation seems to be in a flourishing condition. A reference from the congregation with regard to the subject of the Collegiate charge was taken up and considered. After hearing the views of all parties, Mr. Murdoch laid his demission upon the table, which was accepted, it being distinctly understood that the congregation pay him an annual salary of \$200 during life. Mr. Hogg was appointed to preach in Windsor on Sabbath to intimate to the congregation this decision of Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in St. John's Church, Halifax, on the 1st Tuesday of October, at 2½ P.M., for business, and at 7½ P.M., for visitation of Congregation.

### Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met in Zion Church, late Queen Square Church, on Wednesday, the 24th Aug. Certificates were read and sustained from the sessions of West Point, &c., Zion Church, Dundas and Covehead, testifying respectively the appointment of Messrs. Archibald Ramsay, David Laird, Richard Morson and Robert Lawson, as their Presbytery and Synod Elders for the current year. A letter was received from Rev. Wm. Stuart, declining the call from West St. Peter's and Mount Stewart. The Presbytery agreed to direct the Clerk to forward a copy of it to the congregation, and to express the reasons for declining, with remarks thereon. The following are the reasons:—"Favorably impressed as I have been with the unanimity and, comparatively speaking, the liberality displayed on the part of the congregation, my trying experiences during the five years passed on your Island forbid me again to attempt maintaining my family and position on any salary less than the minimum recommended by Synod.

"In addition to this, the position and state of the Manse are such that my own and wife's health will not warrant the risk of living in it; and to remedy this might too seriously tax the people.

"It is with extreme reluctance I resign the prospect of ministering to a people who so favorably impress me, and of resuming my position as a Presbyter in your Reverend Court."

While the Presbytery has been much pleased with the salary offered by the congregation in its circumstances, it yet felt

constrained to call the attention of vacant congregations to the first reason for declining the call assigned by Mr. Stuart, and to remind them that if they desire to obtain pastors to give themselves wholly to the work of the Lord among them, they must endeavor to provide at least the minimum salary recommended by Synod, viz.: \$600 and a Manse. The Presbytery would also remind settled charges that their own prosperity, as well as the comfort and position of their pastors, requires them to increase the salaries now paid to the amount named.

A letter was read from Mr. S. Gunn, under call to the congregation of West River and Brookfield, intimating his acceptance of the call; but expressing his desire not to be ordained sooner than the 1st of November, or late in October. The Presbytery received the information with much satisfaction. Professor McNeill having applied to Presbytery for a certificate with the view of attending the Theological classes at Princeton, New Jersey, the Clerk was instructed to give him such a one as is required. Rev. I. Murray and R. Laird reported their efforts in connection with the *Presbyterian*, which were on the whole of a highly encouraging character. The Presbyter, resolved to delay the publication of the paper till the next meeting of Presbytery, thus affording the agent employed by the sister Presbytery time to complete his work of soliciting subscribers. Rev. T. Duncan and Dr. Mackieson appeared as part of a deputation from the Kirk Presbytery, and were very cordially received. Rev. Mr. Duncan stated that the principle object of the deputation was to endeavor to secure co-operation in pastoral work. The Presbytery heard with great satisfaction the proposal made, resolved to approve of the principle of co-operation as exceedingly desirable, and agreed to refer the consideration of details to a conference of the two Presbyteries to be held in Charlottetown on the first Friday of October. Rev. H. Crawford was directed to take charge of a number of Presbyterian families residing at the head of Morell River. Mr. David H. Smith, Probationer, was appointed to supply Zion Church on the first Sabbath of September, and West Point on the second and third Sabbaths of the month. Thence to Cascumpec till the next meeting of Presbytery. The other preacher, who may arrive during the month of September, was appointed to supply Zion Church till the next meeting of Presbytery. In view of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the Lower Provinces, holding a Convention in Charlottetown next month, the Presbytery, cordially approving of their object, resolved to give the Delegates a hearty welcome, and appointed the Clerk to express this to them on their arrival.