

not marred the harmony and good feeling which have existed among us.

And now, my Dear Friends, while God is pleased to spare us, and continue our present connection, let us mutually resolve that through divine grace we will be still more and more faithful to him and to one another; so that when called to give in our account we may be enabled to say individually, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge will give me at that day; and not to me only, but to all them also who love his appearing." Amen.

JOHN I. BAXTER.

Mansfield, Onslow, 7th May, 1858.

This ceremony being over, Mr. John Dickson, Elder, who had read the address and received a copy of the reply, now presented the Horse, Harness, and Carriage, in due form, to Mr. Baxter, who, with suitable acknowledgments, accepted possession, by stepping into the carriage and taking a drive up the road, to test their merits. On his return he expressed himself much pleased with the whole.

In the mean time the Ladies had *provided and spread out* a collation, of which, after invoking the Divine blessing, all sat down to partake. This over, and thanks being duly acknowledged to the author of all our enjoyments, the party separated for their respective homes, apparently well pleased with the scene which they had witnessed.—*Com.*

MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX—The regular meeting was held on the 5th ult. and constituted by the Rev James McLean, the Moderator, besides whom were present—Rev J. L. Murdoch, Rev P. G. McGregor and Rev John Cameron.

An application was laid on the table from the congregation of Newnort for a member of Presbytery to preside among them in the moderating in of a call, as they were anxious to obtain a settled pastor. Mr Hiram Smith, ruling elder, appeared as commissioner and informed the Presbytery that the congregation, including Kempt, had made arrangements for giving their pastor a salary of £150 with a Manse, for the erection of which they had contracted. The members of Presbytery expressed their gratification at the measures taken for the

providing of a Manse and at the prospects of the congregation.

Rev J. L. Murdoch was appointed to preach and to preside at the moderation, which was cheerfully granted.

At the request of the commissioner Mr James Murray was re-appointed to Newport for a short time and arrangements made for dispensing the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

An application for a moderation from the Presbyterians of Annapolis and Bridgetown was next read. The distance was considered as a sufficient reason for the non-appearance of a commissioner. The papers stated that they had a subscription paper showing £100, and as the Synod had offered them £50 per annum for a time, on condition of their raising £100, that they were thus in a position to ask for the appointment of a member of Presbytery to visit them and to take the steps requisite to enable them to call a minister.

The prayer of the petition was granted and the Rev George Christie appointed to preach and to moderate, at some suitable time before the meeting of Synod, due notice to be given to the people.

Mr Samuel McCully was appointed on a mission within Shelburne County, chiefly to Cape Sable Island, to which station the Presbytery had been unable to send any supply for many months.

Adjourned to meet at Synod.

THE PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU (in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia), met at West River on Tuesday, 11th May, for the purpose of ordaining Mr George Roddick to the office of the holy ministry and the pastoral charge of that congregation. The edict having been returned duly served a member of Presbytery was appointed to read it again, when no objection appearing, the Presbytery proceeded from the Session House to the Church for the purpose of ordaining him as aforesaid. The Rev James Byers commenced the services of the day with praise and prayer, and then preached an appropriate sermon from Mat. vii. 29, "He taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." The Rev James Bayne, appointed to preside on the occasion, then narrated the steps which had been taken, and called upon the members of the congregation to express their adherence to their call by a show of hands, which they