

path more rapidly than we ascended, we crossed the stream in a canoe. We dined at the mission-house and went on board at three o'clock. Mr. Robertson accompanied us; but his heroic wife preferred to remain, as she had been so long absent recently. We admired this Christian courage, and prayed that the good hand of God might be about her and her babe. Mr. Robertson had procured for me very interesting memorials of Eromanga which I brought to Sydney.

This being the 25th May—set apart for keeping the birthday of the Queen, the mission vessel was gallily decked with flags to the great astonishment of the natives, and a salute was fired in honour of the Queen whose ships have done so much in these seas to promote science and humanity. We did not forget to pray God to bless her and her reign.

News of the Church.

Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax met at Elmsdale, on the 1st Dec. Rev. John Cameron's demission of his charge was accepted, and a minute was adopted expressing the Presbytery's high appreciation of his character and services, and their regret at parting with him as a member of Presbytery.—Rev. J. K. Smith accepted the call to Galt, Ontario, and the Presbytery therefore accepted his demission of Fort Massey Church. The Presbytery expressed deep sympathy with the congregation of Fort Massey on losing their pastor, and their unfeigned grief at parting with Mr. Smith. After transacting routine business the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Chalmers Church, Halifax, on the 22nd December, at 2 P. M.

The Presbytery of Halifax met in Chalmers Church on Tuesday, 22nd December. Rev. William McCullagh presented his credentials and was duly received as a probationer of this Church. On application the Rev. John Forrest was appointed to preach and moderate in a call in Fort Massey Church, on Wednesday, January 6th, at 7½ o'clock, p. m. Mr. McCullagh was appointed to preach at Milford and Gay's River for the next three Sabbaths. Mr. W. Archibald was appointed to Bay View for the next two Sabbaths; and Mr. D. McGregor for the same time to West Cornwallis. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in Halifax, on Tuesday the 12th January.

Presbytery of Cape Breton.

The Presbytery of Cape Breton met in St. Andrew's Church, Sydney, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 18. Three of the assessors appointed by Synod were present:—the Revs. Wm. Duff, Dr. Bayne, and A. McLean Sinclair. The Presbytery sat from 7 o'clock, P. M., till ½ past 2; seven hours and a half. A full hearing was given to all parties. The following finding was arrived at:

"The Presbytery having heard all parties fully, agree to grant the petition of the congregation for a colleague and successor; the labours of such colleague and successor shall be devoted to Sydney Section, said section shall be regarded by the whole congregation as entitled to choose the colleague and successor; in choosing him, due regard shall be had to the views and feelings of both parties in Sydney; and he shall be chosen without unnecessary delay."

The two elders who were present at Synod were restored their former position as members of Session, by the Session.

Presbytery of St. John.

The Presbytery of St. John met in the Presbyterian Church at St. James, on Tuesday, the 22nd Dec., the special business being the induction of Rev. James Quinn into the pastoral charge of this congregation. Rev. K. McKay preached a very appropriate sermon from Acts 20, 28, and after the usual steps were taken, Mr. Quinn was inducted by solemn prayer into the pastoral charge of the Saint James congregation. Rev. S. Johnson then addressed the newly inducted pastor on the duties and responsibilities of the ministry, and the Rev. Wm. Millen gave a very able address to the congregation. Rev. J. Nelson having introduced Mr. Quinn to his session, his name was added to the roll of the Presbytery.

A letter was read from Rev. James Gray, stating that he had moderated in a call at Moncton, which came out unanimously in favor of Rev. Joseph Hogg, of Cornwallis, N. S. The call was signed by 89 members and 45 adherents, and was accompanied by reasons for translation, and a bond guaranteeing \$1200 per annum. The call was sustained as a regular Gospel call, the action of the Moderator approved, and the Clerk was directed to forward all the papers to the Halifax Presbytery for further consideration. It was agreed to hold a meeting of the Presbytery in Moncton, on the 21st of January next, at half-past 7 o'clock, p. m., for the induction of Rev. Mr. Hogg, in case he accepts the call.

Reverend Mr. Millen reported that he had made all the arrangements for the moderation of a call in St. George on the 15th Dec., but the day was so stormy, and