

Kenzie be paid by the Board, and if anything additional forthcoming from these stations it will be forwarded to the Treasurer of Missions.

The Statistical Returns were then considered, whereupon it was agreed that the managers of the several congregations be enjoined to have their statistical tables ready by the 1st of March 1870, in order that the Clerk of Presbytery may tabulate and forward them to Professor McKnight as soon as possible after that date.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at St Stephen on the first Wednesday of March, 1870, at the hour of 11 o'clock, in the forenoon.

### Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met at Summerside on the 17th ult.

A letter was read from Rev J. B. Watt, stating that he declined the call from the Free Church congregation, Charlottetown. A letter was received signed by D. Laird, Elder, Queen Square Church, and G. Walker and G. Henderson, Elders, Free Church, requesting the Presbytery to appoint Rev T. Cumming to labor in Charlottetown alternately between the Free Church and Queen Square Church till the next meeting of Presbytery. The Presbytery agreed to grant the request, and appointed Mr Cumming accordingly.

Rev Mr Stuart gave explanations relative to his prolonged absence and made statements in reference to his efforts made in his absence to collect funds for church building purposes in his congregation. He had obtained in all, \$645, from which, deducting \$45 for expenses, he would place \$600 at the disposal of the managers of the congregation. The Presbytery agreed to express its satisfaction with Mr Stuart's explanations; its gratification at the success of his efforts at raising funds, and its acknowledgment to the Christian friends whose liberality had been evoked for this desirable object. Mr Stuart afterwards gave to Presbytery his demission of the pastoral charge of the congregation of West Point, &c., because his health was unequal to the faithful discharge of the duties devolving on him in so extensive a congregation. The demission was laid on table, and the Presbytery agreed to summon the congregation to appear for its interests at its next meeting.

In the continued illness of Rev. Allan Fraser, the Presbytery agreed to express its sympathy with him and the congregation in this afflictive dispensation of the all-wise Head of the Church, and resolved to give the congregation as much supply as circumstances permit.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in

Queen Square Church, Charlottetown, on the third Wednesday of December, at 11 o'clock.

### Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax met in Kempt on the 26th October, and was constituted by Rev J. McLeod, moderator, *pro tem*.

Having met for the ordination of Mr Edward Grant, and the Edict having been returned duly served, the usual call for objections was made, and none having been offered, Rev John B. Logan preached an able and appropriate discourse from Judges xvii. 13.

The moderator narrated the steps and put to Mr Grant the prescribed formula of questions, all of which were satisfactorily answered. By prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, Mr Grant was then ordained to the office of the holy ministry and to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Kempt and Walton. He was then suitably addressed by Rev E. Anand.

Mr Grant's congregation is a comparatively new field, he being the first Presbyterian minister settled on that part of the shore. Formerly Rev J. L. Murdoch had charge of it in connection with Windsor and Newport, but owing to its distance and to the extent of his charge, he could give them but little attention. After the separation of Newport from the congregation of Windsor the minister settled in the former place gave them for a few years the quarter of his time; but the congregation owes its existence chiefly, by the blessing of God, to the steadfastness and zeal of the Armstrongs, Malcoms, &c, of Kempt, and of the Morises, McCullochs, &c, of Walton. Tho' the congregation is numerically weak, they are united and spirited, and have paid their first quarter's salary in advance. There is an excellent field for missionary labor, and there is no doubt that under the care of their able and devoted young pastor they will, in a few years become self-sustaining.

Rev Mr McCurdy reported that he had preached and moderated in a call for Mr A. B. Dickie in the congregation of Sheet Harbor—that the call was very harmonious, and was signed by eighty members and by seventy-eight adherents. Mr Dickie having intimated his acceptance of said call, the Presbytery prescribed ordination trials for him, to be given in at the next meeting of Presbytery.

The clerk was instructed to write to the congregations which had not contributed to the Synod Fund last year, requesting them to make collections and forward them to the General Treasurer before the 1st of January, 1870.