

ered a sermon and a lecture, read an exercise and additions, and was examined in Hebrew, Greek, Church History and Theology. The discourses were all cordially sustained and the examinations approved. The Moderator having put the questions of the formula, engaged in prayer, and in the name of the Great Head of the Church licensed him to preach the Gospel. He then received from the Presbytery the right hand of fellowship and part in the work to which he had been authorized. The committee on the revival of religion presented their report, which was received, their diligence approved, and it laid on the table for consideration and adoption. The time having come for nominating a Moderator, the Presbytery unanimously chose the Rev. William Duff, of Lunenburg, as their nominee.

The Board of Superintendence having recommended the nomination of a Professor of Systematic Theology, the Presbytery proceeded to the consideration of the subject. It was suggested that the Presbytery nominate the same as late year. Attention being called to the proposal of the Halifax Presbytery, this Presbytery cordially agreed that Mr. Currie would be in every respect a fitting person to fill the Chair of Hebrew and Exegetical Theology, but seeing no reason for departing from their former action in reference to the Chair of Systematic Theology; it was moved by Dr. McCulloch, seconded by the clerk, and unanimously agreed, that this Presbytery nominate the Rev. E. Ross as a fit and proper person to fill that chair, now vacant.

Took up the case of the Rev. Jacob McLellan. The clerk stated that he had cited him as directed, but had received no reply. All minutes and papers bearing on the case were read, and Mr. McLellan called, but did not appear. The Presbytery, after full discussion, saw that to all appearance they would be compelled to proceed to the solemn act of deposition, and directed the preparing of an outline of the facts leading to this serious result, to be put on record along with the minute of deposition.

The Presbytery of Truro thought it just to all parties that along with the minute of deposition an outline of what led to it should be put on the records. The whole, as directed by the Presbytery, is to the following effect:—

Mr. McLellan, feeling aggrieved, in a business transaction with one of his elders, Mr. Isaiah Smith, had the case tried in his session, and Mr. Smith suspended from the eldership and the fellowship of the church. Against this Mr. Smith protested, and appealed to Presbytery. The whole matter, as presented in the Session's records,

having been fully and carefully considered, the Presbytery removed the suspension, and restored Mr. Smith to good standing. This decision being intimated, Mr. McLellan protested, and appealed to Synod, and in due time forwarded to the Clerk a written appeal with reasons, and craved extracts. In the meantime a document came into the hands of the Moderator of Presbytery affecting the character of Mr. McLellan, and complaining that he had, in the exercise of discipline, made declarations from the pulpit seriously reflecting on the memory of one then deceased. Of this document, as it affected Mr. McLellan personally, the moderator notified him, intimating that it would likely have to come before Presbytery. Hereupon Mr. McLellan, in the public prints, declared himself no longer subject to the jurisdiction of the Presbytery, and conveyed the same by letter to the Clerk. The appeal to Synod with reasons sent by Mr. McLellan, and his subsequent declaration of independence, were laid on the table of Presbytery at their next meeting, and also the document affecting his character and official procedure. The matters referred to in this document were now occasioning serious scandal, and the Presbytery saw themselves, independent of said document, compelled to enquire into them, as a *fama clamosa* for the removal of scandal and the vindication of Mr. McLellan's character. It was therefore resolved that he be cited to appear at the next meeting to answer for the divisive course followed by him; and that an opportunity be afforded him to explain the whole matter affecting his character. To this he replied, emphatically declaring his independence of the Presbytery, and his determination not to submit to their jurisdiction, thereby repudiating his ordination vow of submission to the Presbytery in the Lord. He also added: "I may be permitted to say that the slander circulated against me more than a year ago was then dealt with by my Session, and my innocence was not only fully established by positive evidence, but was publicly proclaimed: that the slanderer never appeared before Session, although twice cited; that there was no appeal from the Session, nor any application for a reconsideration." The Presbytery were grieved on reading this; it appearing that Mr. McLellan had imposed upon his Session the consideration of a matter beyond their jurisdiction. They were specially grieved at the way in which Mr. McLellan spoke of his accuser not having appeared before Session in answer to citation, &c., she having been unable, through sickness, to attend the first meeting to which she was cited, and having fully apprized him of this fact, and having been dead two weeks before the second