

McGregor of his labors in visiting the eastern parts of the Island. The report was received and very cordially approved. The name of the Rev J. Allan was added to the publication committee of the *Presbyterian* in place of that of the Rev Wm Ross.

Presbytery of St. John.

This Court met at the Presbyterian Church, Salt Springs, on the 30th ult., Rev. James Gray, A.M., Moderator. The special business of Presbytery being the Ordination of Mr. Bearisto, Mr. Murray reported very favorably of the trials given in by Mr. Bearisto, as prescribed by Presbytery. The report was received and cordially approved. Mr. Murray also reported that he had served the edict as appointed on the 12th of September. Ample opportunity was then afforded to the congregation to state objections, if they had any, and no objection whatever having been made the Presbytery resolved to proceed with the Ordination. The questions of the prescribed formula were put to Mr. Bearisto by the Moderator, and satisfactorily answered by him; whereupon, he was, by solemn prayer and the imposition of hands ordained to the office of the Christian Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Salt Springs and adjacencies. These interesting proceedings were witnessed by an audience which densely crowded the church, filling every available space in the aisles, and many occupied places at the windows.—Mr. Bearisto was cordially welcomed by the brethren present as a fellow-labourer in the Lord's vineyard and was appropriately addressed by the Rev. S. Houston, relative to the duties and responsibilities of the ministerial office. Rev. J. D. Murray addressed words of counsel and encouragement to the congregation. The worshipping assembly then sang the 126th Psalm, and was thereupon dismissed, and as they retired they cordially welcomed their pastor at the church door.

Mr. Bearisto was introduced, and his name added to the roll of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. David's Church, St. John, on the 1st Tuesday of December, at 11 a.m.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in Scotsburn church on the 27th ult., and was constituted by the Rev. George Roddick, moderator. The Presbytery took up the Rev. Mr. Sutherland's demission. The Rev. Mr. Roddick reported that he had, according to appointment, summoned the congregation to appear by commissioners for their

interests, at this meeting of Presbytery.—Messrs. William and Hugh McKenzie appeared as commissioners from the congregation, and stated that the mind of the majority was, that the Presbytery allow the demission to lie on the table until next June and in the mean time give them supply of preaching. The Presbytery, after due deliberation, agreed that the demission lie in the mean time on the table, to be dealt with according as circumstances may require; that the obligation of the congregation to pay stipend to Mr. Sutherland cease from the end of October, and that he be furnished with a letter of recommendation to the Presbyterians in Nebraska, U.S., among whom he intends to labour during the winter.

The Rev. Mr. Walker reported that according to appointment he had preached and moderated in a call at Little Harbour and Fisher's Grant, which came out unanimously for the Rev. William Maxwell of Chalmers' church, Halifax, and that it was signed by 8 elders, 114 communicants, and 83 adherents, and that Mr. Thomas Forbes was appointed to support it at Presbytery. Mr. Forbes being present, stated that the people were unanimously in favour of the call, that the stipend is to be \$600, payable quarterly in advance, together with a manse and glebe of 8 acres,—Little Harbour paying \$360 and giving the manse and glebe, and Fisher's Grant paying \$240; and that the subscription list exceeds the amount needed. Mr. Walker's conduct was approved, the call sustained as a regular gospel call, and the Rev. Mr. Mackinnon appointed to support it before the Presbytery of Halifax at its first meeting.

The Presbytery met the next day in Earltown church, for the ordination and induction of Mr. William Grant, preacher, into the pastoral charge of that congregation, and was constituted by the Rev. Geo. Patterson, moderator, *pro tem*. Mr. Mackinnon preached from John xiii. 31. Mr. Blair narrated the steps taken to procure the call, put the questions of the formula, offered the ordination prayer, whereby with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery Mr. Grant was ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Earltown and West Branch, addressed the people in Gaelic, and at the close of the services introduced him in the usual manner to the people at the door of the church as they retired. Mr. Patterson addressed the newly ordained minister in suitable terms; and Mr. Sutherland introduced him to the session, and thereafter his name was added to the roll of Presbytery.

The financial committee reported that the quarter's stipend in advance was ready and would be paid immediately. The Rev.