

and Noel. He had been sole Presbyterian minister of the place for 42 years—When it was proposed to form a new congregation Mr Crow strongly opposed the movement. Still, when Mr Currie was located at Maitland Mr Crow from the first showed him every mark of fatherly kindness. Yet it was feared by some that, when the ordination came on he would at least either absent himself or look on with cold indifference. He, was, however, present on Tuesday with cheerful countenance taking part in the examination. On Wednesday he took his place with the other brethren on the platform, and in the act of ordination was the first to put his hand on the head of the young brother. He then led the devotions in the concluding prayer, imploring the Divine guidance for the young pastor, and the Divine blessing upon the people of his charge.

From what appeared in public, and from what we heard in private, we are persuaded that Mr Crow will endeavour to be to Mr Currie as a father to a son, and we doubt not but that Mr Currie will be to him as a son to a father. May the experience of the aged be profitable to the young man, and may the youthful pastor be the solace of the revered father's declining years.

The Presbytery is appointed to meet at Brookfield on Tuesday, September 15th, at 11 o'clock, forenoon, to hear the trials of Mr A. Cameron with the view of meeting on the following days at Middle Stewiacke for his ordination.—*Com*

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.—The Presbytery of Pictou met at New Annan for the Presbyterian visitation of the Congregation on Tuesday 25th August. The Rev Jas. Bayne preached on the occasion, from Mal. 3. 27.

Owing to indisposition, the pastor, the Rev. R. Blackwood had under medical advice left home for a time. The Presbytery sustained his reason of absence and expressed their sympathy with him in his affliction.

Notwithstanding the absence of the pastor, the Presbytery resolved to proceed with that part of the visitation in their power. The questions of the formula were put to the Elders and managers. The Presbytery regretted to find considerable arrears and some deficiency in the Subscription List, and urged strongly and affectionately on all con-

cerned diligence in having these matters set right.

The Presbytery met the same evening in Sharon Church also for Presbyterian visitation. The Rev David Roy preached from Luke 12. 13—21. The questions of the formula were put to the Minister, Elders and managers, and elicited in general satisfactory replies. The Presbytery were gratified to find the spiritual machinery especially Sabbath School instruction in efficient operation, and that the stipend was fully and regularly paid, * and the congregation evidently in a thriving condition.

The Synod met on the following day at Willow Church, but from the absence of office bearers could not proceed to the Presbyterian visitation of this section of Mr Blackwood's congregation.

Mr Daniel Fraser, Student of Theology delivered a sermon on 1. John 3. 2 last clause, "It doth not yet appear &c. which after remarks was sustained.

The Presbytery met for business the same afternoon at River John. Mr Fraser was examined on the Epistle to the Phillippians in Greek, the first five Psalms in Hebrew, the Reformation in Switzerland in Ecclesiastical History, and the clerk was instructed to furnish him with a certificate of his standing that he may attend the next Session of the Theological Seminary at Princetown. The Clerk was also instructed to furnish Mr John D. McGillvray with a certificate to attend the next meeting of the Hall.

A letter was read from the Rev D. B. Blair, Clerk of the Free Presbytery of Pictou, enclosing Extract minute of said Presbytery setting forth that they had received a petition for preaching at River John, and that they had resolved to allow it to lie on the table in the meantime,

* It is due to the congregation to correct a mistake in the Synod's published statistics. There it is set down as £10 in arrears to its minister. This mistake was made by the Synod's Committee, and arose from the following circumstances. Up till January last the Stipend promised was only £100, since that date it is £120. When, therefore asked what is the stipend promised, the managers answered £120: when asked, what is the amount paid *last year*, they answer £110, viz, £50 for the half year to January last, and £60 for the half year to June. The Committee of Synod, therefore, thought the congregation £10 in arrears, and stated it so in the Table.