

ing that, beyond the plan, to whose suggestions I owned my obligations to Mr. Bremner, there is nothing in common in these schemes of lessons. Besides, I conceive one quite at liberty to improve upon any plan provided he does not copy from the original, and that it is both fitting and right that ministers or superintendents of Sabbath Schools or of Halifax should draw out schemes of lessons suitable to the wants and capacities of their own Sabbath Schools, whose wants they can best suit. This is all I have ventured to do, as you would put into your pupils' hands a new edition of Ruddiman's Rudiments. I pray that, to remove misapprehension, you will give this an early insertion.

I am, yours truly,
A. W. HERDMAN.

MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

In St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, Decr. 5th, 1860. Which time and place the Presbytery of Pictou met according to adjournment, and was constituted. Sederant, &c.

Minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

Mr. Sinclair, missionary, having read report of missionary services performed during the past quarter, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the report receive the very high approbation of this Court, and unanimously recommend its publication in the "Monthly Record;" and regret to find that the instructions of this Court to vacant congregations anent arrears due for missionary services, have, with one or two honorable exceptions, been neglected.

An invitation from the congregation of Roger's Hill to Mr. Sinclair to become their pastor, and another from West Branch East River, were presented to him, and declined for the present.

Presbytery regret to find that nothing has been received in payment of Presbytery Clerk's services from the congregations of Barney's River, MacLennan's Mountain and Pugwash.

Mr. Tallach having applied on behalf of the Pugwash congregation for supplement of £37 10s. during six months, beginning with the first of August, it was unanimously agreed to, that it be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Colonial Committee.

In connection with the celebration of the Tricentenary of the Reformation, it was enjoined that public worship be celebrated in the settled congregations within the bounds on that day (20th December), that ministers direct the attention of their hearers and people to the subject of the Reformation, and in the vacant congregations it is recommended that meetings be held for prayer and thank-

giving to God for the blessings secured by the Reformation.

An extract minute of Presbytery of P. E. Island requesting the services of one of the missionaries expected to arrive within the bounds of this Presbytery within a month, was read. It was unanimously agreed that consideration of the request be deferred till after the arrival of the gentlemen referred to.

A call from the congregation of Wallace River and Folly Mountain to the Rev. D. McCurdy, signed by 105 names, having been read, and having been accepted by Mr. McCurdy, who was present, the Presbytery expressed their high satisfaction with the conduct of the people in this matter, and appointed Mr. Tallach to moderate in a call at Folly Mountain, and Mr. Christie at Wallace River.

Application having been made by Mr. Allan Ross, formerly Free Church student, for admission into our Church as a student, and for aid in prosecuting his further studies, the Presbytery appointed Messrs. Sinclair and Mackay a Committee of Presbytery to meet with Committee of Young Men's Scheme on Wednesday 13th current, with instructions that, if satisfied with the documents and certificates forwarded by Mr. Ross, his application be favorably entertained.

Statement of monies paid for missionary services was laid upon the table, whereupon the Presbytery were glad to find that their instructions were partially attended to. And as the sums due are not fully paid up, that Mr. Sinclair receive the following appointments:

West Branch East River, December 9th; Cape John and River John, Dec. 16th; Earltown, Dec. 23rd; Roger's Hill, Dec. 30th; West Branch River John, January 6th; W. B. East River, Jan. 13th; Pictou, Jan. 20th; Barney's River, Jan. 27th; Lochaber, Feb. 3rd; St. Mary's, Feb. 10th; E. B. East River, Feb. 17th; Cape John and River John, Feb. 24th; Earltown, March 2nd, &c.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet on the first Wednesday in March 1861, in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, at 11 o'clock A.M.

JAS. CHRISTIE, Pres. Clerk.

REVIEW OF THE PAST MONTH.

During the past month two men of great eminence have been taken from us. Lord Aberdeen, the distinguished statesman and philanthropist, and Dr. Robertson, Professor of Biblical criticism in the University of Edinburgh. A notice of the great services and intellectual character of this distinguished minister of the Church of Scotland is contained in the interesting letter of our Scotch Correspondent, which we regret being obliged to defer till next publication.

Important news have reached us from China. The Allies have completely defeated the