

At the quarterly meeting of the Egerton Presbytery, 4th May, the following appointments were made to the West Branch, E. R.

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| 15th May,     | Rev. Mr. McMillan, |
| 29th " "      | " Murray.          |
| 5th June " "  | " Stewart.         |
| 19th June " " | " McKichan         |
| 3rd July " "  | " Brodie.          |
| 17th July " " | " McMillan.        |
| 31st " "      | " Stewart.         |

Appointments after the arrival of Mr. Melville, will be held as cancelled.

At the annual meeting of St. Paul's Congregation, East River held on the 25th inst., among other important items of business, it was resolved to hold a Strawberry Festival in June or July to help liquidate the debt on the congregation. Resolved also, to allow their pastor Rev. W. McMillan eight weeks vacation.—COM.

The Presbytery of Pictou and also the Home Mission Board meet in Pictou on the last Wednesday of May.

Our people of Barney's River propose holding a Bazar early in July. Particulars will appear in the June number of the RECORD.

### QUANTI CONSTITIT ?—HOW MUCH COST IT ?

This was an example under one of the rules of our Latin grammar. May we be allowed to apply it to the matter of our religion? The calculation seems to have occurred to King David: declining to accept

as a free gift the abundant provisions offered him by Araunah for his sacrifice to the Lord, David said "he would not offer to the Lord his God that which cost him nothing." An offering to the Lord he would make. It was to be a thankful offering for a very great mercy of the Lord—the deliverance of himself and his people from the deadly pestilence.

The King would not take advantage of another's liberality to provide himself with a thank-offering. His offering must be at some cost to himself. This principle remains under the Gospel of Christ—THAT OUR RELIGION MUST COST US SOMETHING.

The Hebrew Church was, like our own, an endowed Church as regards its sacred ministry. In the Church established and endowed the people are not put to charge for the maintenance of religious ordinances for themselves; yet it must be borne in mind that under the former dispensation, besides the tithes, there were the legally prescribed sacrifice, and contribution at regular seasons or for occasional purposes, and that all those were free-will offerings. This also holds in the Church of Christ. Even when the congregation has to undertake the support of church and minister, and other expenses of divine ordinances, this does not fulfil all their duty in the service of God. While providing means of grace for themselves, they must devise liberal things for others.

Members of that Church which had been endowed by the piety of those who thought their religion would cost *them* something, are us-