

that Bible-classes be organized in the different sections as far as practicable. In conclusion, the Presbytery express the hope and desire that neither office-bearers, managers nor people will become weary in well-doing—but that they will all press forward to greater effort and attainment."

The Moderator, with Messrs. Chase and McKinnon, were appointed a Commission to organize Lower Maccan and the adjacent station into a new congregation, on Monday, the 13th October, the Moderator and Mr. Chase to preach on the previous Sabbath. The Presbytery also appointed two elders of the Parrsborough congregation to meet with the Commission to form an *interim* session, Mr. Wylie being Moderator.

J. LAYTON, Clerk.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in Earl-town Church on the 30th ult., and after a sermon by the Rev. John MacKinnon from III. John 2, was constituted by the Rev. E. A. McCurdy, Moderator—with whom there was a good attendance of ministers and elders.

The principal business was the visitation of the congregation. The questions of the Formula were answered by the minister, elders, session and managers in a very satisfactory manner. Family visitation, diets of examination, prayer meetings, Bible Classes and Sabbath Schools are attended to with all faithfulness and diligence. The managers are endeavouring to do their work diligently and commendably. Religion in the congregation is in a healthy and progressive condition.

It is four years since Mr. Grant, was inducted into the pastorate of this congregation, and during that time the Presbytery have noticed manifest and steady progress in its religious condition and Christian liberality. The Presbytery urged on the people a right appreciation of the privileges enjoyed under the ministry of Mr. Grant, and encouraged them to go on as they have been doing, growing in grace and fruitful in every good work.

The Presbytery expressed themselves very much pleased with the healthy and vigorous appearance of religious matters in this congregation.

The congregations of Sherbrooke and Stellarton applied for moderations in calls, which were granted. The stipends guaranteed are \$300. The Rev. Mr. Forbes was appointed to moderate in a call in Sherbrooke on the 14th inst., and Mr. MacKinnon in Stellarton on the evening of the same day.

The next meeting of Presbytery to be held in Primitive Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday 21st Oct., at 11 a. m.

JOHN MACKINNON, Clerk.

The Antigonish Riot.

The following minutes have been handed us by the Convener of the committee of the Presbytery of Pictou on the Antigonish Riot, with the request that they should be inserted:

PRESBYTERY OF TRURO (P. C. I. P.)

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Truro, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British America, held at Maccan, in the county of Cumberland, on the 23rd day of September, A. D. 1873—

"Inter Alia,"

Took up the case of the assault, at Antigonish, on the Rev. Messrs. Goodfellow and Chiniquy.

After reasoning, the Court came, unanimously, to the subjoined deliverance:—

"That this Presbytery regards, with deep dissatisfaction, the conduct of the Romanists of Antigonish in their late assault upon their Protestant fellow subjects, and especially on Messrs. Goodfellow and Chiniquy, not merely as a gross personal outrage, but as a distinct warning that wherever Popery is in the ascendant, it will not tolerate freedom of either speech or worship.

"That this Presbytery cannot witness, without the deepest anxiety, the tacit impunity accorded to the originators, abettors, and authors of that disgraceful transaction, by the declinature of the Government to interfere, and their expressed resolution to throw upon private parties the vindication of social order,—a duty specially their own, and involved in the very tenure of office,—thus indirectly, encouraging the repetition of similar outrages by the known danger of attempting, and the known impossibility of securing, private vindication of law where its violators are in the ascendant and under similar guidance

"That this Presbytery ventures, respectfully, the opinion that the Antigonish mobbing, while involving questions of private injury amenable to common law, also involves questions of public liberty, and does not belong solely nor chiefly to the category of private wrong, to which category the Attorney General of this Province, in his reply to the remonstrance of the Presbytery of Halifax, would fain consign it, inasmuch as it was the uprising of a majority of a people coercing the small minority by brute force, in the exercise of a legal right, with danger of life; and further, not without strong ground to believe, that parties holding Government commissions were present, if not abetting, yet making no effort to protect the assailed; thus bringing both the outrage itself and the aforesaid officials directly under Government action.

"In this opinion this Presbytery believes that it is sustained by British practice,