

Sabbaths, and to Richmond Bay, last two Sabbaths of September; Mr Stewart to Georgetown and Montague till the last of September, and Rev. Mr. Gunn to Murray Harbour for first three Sabbaths of September. The next quarterly meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Summerside on the first Tuesday of November, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

THE PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in New Glasgow on the second inst. There were present with the moderator Mr. Sinclair, Messrs D. B. Blair, A. McLean, R. Laird Wm. Donald, E. A. McCurdy, J. F. Forbes, R. Cumming, J. S. Curruthers, A. W. McLeod, and C. S. Lord, ministers; and John R. McMillan, D. McPherson, James Ross, A. J. McKay, John Ferguson, S. McDonald, and James McDonald, ruling elders.

Mr. K. J. Grant of Trinidad, and J. Fitzpatrick, were also present as corresponding members.

Mr. Lord was appointed Interim moderator of the Session of French River, and Mr. McCurdy of the Session of Vale Colliery and Sutherland's River.

Reports were submitted with reference to labour done at Port Mulgrave, and Cape George, as also in the vacant congregations.

Exercises were prescribed for the Catechists labouring within the bounds, and Mr. A. P. Logan was examined with a view to his entrance to the Divinity Hall in the autumn.

In accordance with the injunction of the Assembly requiring "Presbyteries at once to adopt measures to have all arrears of stipend due by congregations in their bounds paid," the clerk was directed to correspond with such congregations in this Presbytery with a view to secure the immediate removal of their arrears.

Committees were appointed on Statistics and State of Religion, with instructions to carry out the recommendations of the General Assembly with reference to these matters.

As agreed at a former meeting, the Presbytery spent some time in a conference on the State of Religion, in which all the members took part, reporting the state of matters in their respective fields of labour, indicating both the hopeful and discouraging aspects of the work, and taking counsel about the best means to be employed to remove certain evils

complained of. Attention was particularly called by members of Presbytery to the necessity of lifting up a faithful testimony against the neglect of family training; the spread of frivolous, impure, and atheistic literature; the practice of raising funds for religious purposes by means of gatherings where dancing and other questionable proceedings are tolerated or encouraged; the general prevalence of intemperance and Sabbath breaking; and various other forms of evil.

At the close the following resolution was adopted:—

"That the Presbytery feel profoundly thankful to Almighty God for the measure of blessing vouchsafed in the past, are deeply humbled on account of their unprofitableness, desire to return to the Lord and pray him to help them, would afresh dedicate and consecrate themselves to the Divine Master's service, and would earnestly and affectionately seek the cordial co-operation of their people in the prosecution of the Lord's work."

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Merigomish for visitation and ordinary business on Wednesday the 24th inst. at half past 2 o'clock. Mr. McLean to preach.

E. A. McCurdy, Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY

The Presbytery of Sydney met in the vestry of St. Matthew's Church, North Sydney, on Wednesday, the 13th Aug., for the induction of Dr. Murray into the pastoral charge of the congregation of North Sydney. The Edict having been returned duly served, and the usual proclamation, having been made, and no objection appearing, the Presbytery entered the Church and proceeded with the induction services. The Moderator, Rev. John McDonald, commenced the services of the day with praise and prayer, and afterwards preached from 1 Cor. ii 12.

Thereafter Mr. McMillan gave a brief narrative of the proceedings preparatory to the induction, and put the usual questions to the ministers to be inducted; then the Moderator engaged in prayer, and inducted him into his new charge in the usual manner. After he had received the right hand of fellowship from the other members of the Presbytery, he was addressed by Mr. McMillan. Rev. Abraham McIntosh followed in very reasonable exhortations to the people, after which the services now concluded with