

James McLean. Rev. Messrs. Murdoch and Cameron were appointed to give a Sabbath each to Rawdon. Mr. Waddell was continued at Sheet Harbour and Tangier, with the Presbytery's consent of absence one Sabbath to visit his family.

Presbyterial visitation was appointed to be held successively at Shelburne, Clyde River and Yarmouth; at Shelburne on the 3rd Wednesday of January, at Clyde River on the day following, and at Yarmouth on Tuesday of the week following, and the Rev. Messrs. Christie, Clarke, H. McMillan, D. McMillan and Morton were appointed to attend the meetings of Presbytery at these places.

Rev. Messrs. McKnight and McGregor were appointed to attend to any changes or additional appointments to missionaries which may be found necessary before next meeting of Presbytery.

This visit, on the part of ministers not belonging to the county of Lunenburg, was interesting and delightful in the highest degree, from the character of the proceedings, the extension of Presbyterianism, the beauty of the scenery, and the great kindness with which they were treated.

May the Lord bless his own work, and refresh his heritage in the West!

#### PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in Prince Street Church, Pictou, on Tuesday, 3rd December. There was a good attendance of members.

After the reading of the minutes, a petition was presented from Goshen for the moderation of a call to one to be their pastor. The petition was accompanied by a subscription list amounting to £92. Mr. Donald Sinclair appeared as commissioner in support of the same, who stated that the people there were united and cordial in the application—that they expected yet some additions to their subscription list, and that they hoped that the Board of Home Missions would grant some aid to the station of Country Harbour, which had been receiving supply, and where the few adherents of our Church desired that a portion of the time of the minister called to Goshen might be allotted. For various reasons the Presbytery resolved that the application lie on the table of Presbytery till next ordinary meeting.

Messrs. Wm. Brown and R. S. Copeland appeared as commissioners from the congregation of Merigomish, who presented a petition for a moderation of a call, with a subscription list for the support of a minister amounting to £128. The commissioners stated that the people were unanimous and cordial in the application—that their subscription list, when completed, was expected to reach £140, and that it was their desire and expectation that the stipend of the minister should soon be raised to £150. The prayer of the petition was granted, and the Rev. George Walker was appointed to moderate in said call on Tuesday, 17th inst.

Reports from the Sessions of James and Primitive Churches, New Glasgow, and Prince Street Church, Pictou, relative to organizing a new congregation between Little Harbour and Sutherland's River, were received, to the effect that they raise no objections to such a formation. The Session of French River reported that for reasons assigned they had resolved to oppose such a formation, and their commissioners were heard in support of their view. The Session of Knox's Church, New Glasgow, reported that such a formation would decidedly weaken that congregation. The Rev. John Stewart reported that according to appointment of Presbytery, he had preached at Sutherland's River, and held a meeting with the people there—that those present were favourable to the movement, and had commenced a subscription list. Mr. McQueen appeared as commissioner from Sutherland's River, who stated that there were about twenty families favourable to the movement whose subscriptions would amount to about £20.

On motion it was agreed that for the next year these two places received supply of preaching according to their subscriptions. It is hoped by that time that the difficulties in the way of their being fully organized may be removed. The Rev. A. W. McKay was appointed as their stated supply for three months from the 1st of January.

The Rev. Alexander Sutherland, according to notice given, laid upon the table