

Eight Sessions and Congregations forwarded reports favorable to Union. One reported "no decision."

It was agreed to adopt the Synod's recommendation anent Systematic Beneficence. The Presbytery was laid out into four sections of three congregations each, and a commission consisting of three ministers and respective elders, were appointed to visit the several congregations, to enquire into the working of "the scheme" where it is already in operation; and to encourage its adoption where prudent and practicable.

The following is the arrangement:—Section 1st to comprise the three Stewiacke Congregations, the Rev. J. Sinclair, *Convenor* of the Commission; 2nd. Truro, Clifton, and Coldstream, the Clerk, *Con.*; 3. Onslow, U. Londonderry, and Great Village, the Rev. J. H. Chase, *Con.*; 4th. Springside, Economy, and Parrsborough, the Rev. A. Cameron, *Con.*

The Five Islands section of the Congregation was visited on the following day—"The Presbytery approved the diligence and care manifested by the various parties appearing before the Court. Sympathize with the difficulties inseparable from so large and widely scattered a congregation, and encouraged the brethren to greater effort especially in the directions of Prayer-meetings and Sabbath Schools, and increased liberality and punctuality in business arrangements." It may be noted that nearly as much has been raised for the Schemes of the Church within the present year as was contributed by the whole congregation three years ago. The Presbytery agreed to meet during Synod at the call of the Moderator.

J. LAYTON, *Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.—The Presbytery of Pictou met in New Glasgow on the 13th Oct. The Rev. A. McL. Sinclair, Moderator.—The Rev. Robert Cumming accepted the call presented to him by the congregation of Glenelg, Caledonia, and E. R. St. Mary's. The call was largely signed and perfectly unanimous. The stipend promised is \$900 with the prospect of increase. The Presbytery is to meet for his induction in Glenelg Church, on the 28th Oct. After an appropriate and excellent sermon by Rev. Thos. Cumming, from Ezekiel 37: 16, 17, the two congregations of Primitive Church and John Knox's Church were united into one congregation under the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Walker, to whom the united congregation tendered in the usual manner a cordial welcome. Their Sessions were also united into one Session. Each of these congregations had a highly honorable record during their separate existence. The influence of their example was felt and acknowledged

throughout the whole Church. Their union was not a matter of necessity, for each was able to maintain ordinances, and perpetuate its own existence, but it was argued by those who took an active part in promoting this Union, that in a small town like New Glasgow, and in the presence of the other Presbyterian Churches there, the union would be for the glory of God and the interests of religion. This Union will relieve the Presbytery from some of the difficulty in its way of taking steps to organize a congregation at the Vale Colliery, and thus secure for the large population collecting there the stated ordinances of religion.

It is the earnest prayer of the Presbytery that the high expectations entertained concerning this united congregation, shall be to the utmost realized. They would say of it in the language of Holy Writ, "Peace be within thy walls and Prosperity within thy palaces."

JOHN MACKINNON.

A VENERABLE MINISTER.—At the Montreal Conference, we met Rev A. Henderson, a Presbyterian minister, who has completed the 91st year of his age, and the 64th of his ministry. He is senior pastor of St. Andrew's, up the Ottawa Valley. He is clear headed, and by no means feeble in body. His voice is strong and clear and his intellect active. He attended the ordinary meetings of Conference and most of the Prayer-meetings. He belonged to the United Presbyterian Church, and is now a member of the Canada Presbyterian Church. He is one of the oldest, if not the most aged Minister in the Presbyterian connection in the world.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT BRIDGEWATER.—This Church was dedicated to the worship of God on the 18th ult. Rev. W. Duff, the patriarch of Presbyterianism in Lunenburg, preached the opening sermon, at 11 a. m. The pastor, Rev. P. Morrison, preached in the afternoon. A large meeting was held in the evening at which addresses were delivered and services conducted by Rev. Messrs. Miller, MacNab, Duff and Hunton, (Lutheran.) All the services were appropriate and deeply impressive. The Church is a large and beautiful building—no finer to be seen outside of Halifax. It cost \$8,000. The people generally, and particularly the Building Committee, with Mr. Kemp, the builder, at their head, manifested most praiseworthy spirit and liberality in accomplishing the arduous undertaking. We congratulate pastor and people on the "beautiful house" which they have devoted to the service of God, and pray that in this sanctuary they may long enjoy the blessings of His presence.