

sence from his congregation for five weeks. It was agreed that the congregations laying on the shore from Lunenburg to Yarmouth be visited presbyterially this season. The Rev John McLeod, Presbytery Clerk, resigned, and Rev William Murray was chosen Clerk.

The Presbytery met again on the 4th inst. Messrs J. Morton and D. McMillan were reappointed as catechists to Bridgewater and Lower LaHave respectively. Rev Mr McGregor was appointed to preach to the Annapolis congregation on the third and fourth Sabbaths of July, with power to moderate a call if circumstances warrant such a step. Rev Mr Steele was appointed to supply Poplar Grove pulpit on the third Sabbath of July and *Tangier* on the fourth Sabbath of July and the first and second Sabbaths of August. The Rev Mr Duff was appointed Moderator for the current year. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Lunenburg on Wednesday, the 14th of August, for Presbyterial visitation and other business—Rev Mr Christie to preach, service to begin at 11 o'clock A. M.

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.—This Presbytery met at River John on Wednesday, 5th inst., for the induction of the Rev Hector McKay to the pastoral charge of the congregation there. The Rev Alexander Ross preached from Matt. xxv. 14-30, after which the Rev. James Bayne narrated the steps which had been taken in the call and put to Mr. McKay the questions of the formula which were satisfactorily answered. He then called upon the congregation to testify their adherence to their call by a show of hands. This being cordially responded to, he then by prayer inducted Mr. McKay into the pastoral charge of the congregation, and gave to him the right hand of fellowship, in which he was followed by the other members of Presbytery. The Rev. George Patterson, in the absence of the Rev. D. B. Blair, addressed the newly inducted minister, and the Rev. Alexr. Sutherland the people. The services of the day were concluded by prayer, praise and the Apostolic Benediction, and the congregation, as they retired, welcomed their minister in the usual manner. Though it was a fine day, at a busy season of the year the audience was large and seemed deeply interested in the whole proceedings.

The Presbytery again met in the afternoon for business, when the Rev. John Stewart introduced an overture anent the establishment of a Ministers' Widows' Fund, which was adopted and ordered to be transmitted to Synod. It was also agreed to apply to Synod for the formation of a new Presbytery to embrace at present the congregations of River John, Tatamagouche, New Annan, Wallace, and Goose River, and the station of Wallace River.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—The Annual Missionary Meeting of the Presbyterian congregation of Antigonish was held in the Church, on Monday, the 10th of June last. Mr. John McDonald, member of Session, occupied the chair. The Rev. Thomas Downie, pastor of the congregation, read the Annual Report, from which it appeared that the congregation had raised during the past year the sum of £519 18s. 4½d. for congregational and missionary purposes. Addresses on the claims of Missions were afterwards delivered by the Rev. John Stewart, New Glasgow, Rev. Thomas Downie, and Mr. Eneas McKay, missionary.

PRESENTATION.—The Rev. Thomas Downie, Pastor of the Presbyterian Congregation of Antigonish, was lately presented by the members of his Bible Class with a purse, containing a sum of money, as a token of their esteem for him.

The Rev. ALEXANDER McDONALD was ordained at Mabou, C. B., on the 19th ult., by the Presbytery of Victoria, and inducted into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Congregation there. Mr. McDonald enters with good prospects on a very hopeful field.

PRESENTATION TO REV. J. ROSS, GRAND RIVER, C. B.—A deputation of the young men connected with the congregation of Grand River, called upon the Rev. J. Ross, and presented him with a comfortable and very handsome waggon of the value of one hundred dollars (£25.) accompanied by a very feeling and affectionate address expressive of their regard for him personally, and appreciation of his ministerial labours among them. Mr. Ross replied in very appropriate terms.