

Presbytery of Halifax.

This Presbytery met in Poplar Grove Church on Thursday, November 3rd, at 10 o'clock.

Moderation in a call was granted to Upper Musquodoboit. Dr. Sedgewick to preach and moderate on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, at 1 p. m.

The call from St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, to Mr. Pitblado, was read. Dr. Burns and Mr. Laing had been appointed by the Presbytery of Manitoba to represent them in the matter.

Papers from Chalmers Church were read stating that while he was as highly esteemed and much beloved by them as ever, yet as he had intimated to them his intention of accepting the call they would not oppose his going.

It is with deep regret that both Chalmers Church congregation and the Maritime section of the Church parts with Mr. Pitblado. It is with similar feelings that he parts from them, nothing but an imperative sense of duty leading him to take the present step.

Prof. Forrest was appointed to preach in Chalmers Church on the 13th inst., and declare the congregation vacant. He was also appointed interim Moderator of Session.

The call from Noel addressed to Mr. A. Rogers, probationer, was declined.

Rev. A. B. Dickie was appointed to visit Bridgetown in the interests of Presbyterianism in Annapolis County.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Elmsdale on the second Tuesday of December, at 10, a. m., for visitation of the congregation and other business.

Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth.

This Presbytery met at Mahone Bay on Friday, 25th ult.

Rev. J. Cameron reported that he had exchanged with Mr. James McKenzie, Catechist, and dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Riversdale where Mr. McKenzie has been laboring during the summer. Nine persons were added to the church on profession of their faith.

It was agreed that Presbytery give as far as possible monthly service to Riversdale during the winter, and that at each such service a collection be taken for some scheme of the Church.

Mr. McKenzie's exercises were heard and sustained as highly satisfactory, and was certified to the Theological Hall as a third year student.

Presbytery adjourned to meet, at Bridgewater on the 31st December, at 10.30 a. m.

Presbytery of Sydney..

This Presbytery met at Glace Bay on the 1st of October for the induction of Mr. J. A. Forbes, Probationer, into the pastoral charge of the Glace Bay congregation. Mr. Forbes had accepted the call on condition of being allowed to carry out his intention of going to Edinburgh this winter.

After the induction Mr. Forbes, in company with Messrs. Rogers and Thorpe sailed for Scotland to pursue their studies there, intending to return in the Spring.

Presbytery of Victoria & Richmond..

The congregation of Malagawatch and River Dennis asked for moderation in a call, which was granted.

Rev. D. McDougall preached and moderated in said call on Nov. 1st, when it came out in favor of Mr. Angus McMillan, probationer.

By the capsizing of a vessel bound to Adelaide, South Australia, five Wesleyan ministers and delegates to the Australian General Conference were drowned. One of them, the Rev. Joseph Waterhouse, was for many years a missionary to Fiji.

THE country of Mexico has a somewhat historic interest. It contains the oldest city (Sante Fe) in the United States, in which is now to be found a Roman Catholic Church over 300 years old. European civilization and a knowledge of the Christian faith was also early introduced.

The free use of the Word of God, however, had not been allowed. Liberty of conscience, sacredness of the family, schools, colleges, the press, and general enlightenment, have not been her heritage. Hence she did not keep pace with the general march of human advancement.

Better days, however, are dawning, and openings are being made by God for missionaries and mission work. Ten years ago the Presbyterian Church in the United States established a mission in Mexico. The work has of late been largely carried on by native agency. There are now upwards of 5000 church members. The blood of the martyrs is proving the seed of the Church.