

26th May, 1887.

The Moderator delivered a suitable closing address reviewing briefly God's dealings with us as a Mission during the past year, the trials we have been called upon to endure and the progress we have made, and asking the Synod's attention to the words of the Apostle Paul, "Finally my brethren be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might." Eph. 6: 10. After which the Synod engaged in devotional exercises.

The present annual session was declared closed and the Synod adjourned to meet next year at the most northerly station which is suitable.

Closed with the benediction.

(Signed) ROBERT M. FRASER,
Moderator.

" W. WATT, *Clerk.*

In the month of December a Sabbath-school was organized on Coburg Road, Halifax. The school is small in its beginnings but is much needed in the locality. Mr. J. S. Smith is Superintendent, and is assisted by three others. A weekly prayer-meeting is also held. This is the opening up of a new mission station in the South end of Halifax City. A mission church is needed. Who will move in the matter.—*Com.*

At the last meeting of the Halifax Presbytery a petition was presented from Moose land Gold Diggings, signed by 40 persons, asking for some supply of preaching. During the past 6 years no labourer has been visiting this locality. They are now to be placed under the care of the Sheet Harbor session, and Rev. S. Rosborough was appointed to visit the field and make arrangements for future supply.

The congregation of Mabou, C. B., is one of the most spirited and energetic in the Church. They have been a length of time vacant, they are in an isolated position, their numbers are not large, yet last June they decided to build a church, which is now neatly finished. It will seat about 270, and cost \$3300.

A visitation of the Guys River and Milford congregation was held on the 31st Jan. Rev. T. C. Jack preached at the former place and Rev. T. H. Murray at the latter. There was raised by the congregation during the year 1887, for the schemes of the church and benevolent purposes \$413.75.

The call for laborers in the Church seems to grow greater instead of less. At the last meeting of the sub-committee of the Home Mission Board there were only four probationers, and thirty-two vacancies requiring supply. More boys and young men wanted to study for the ministry.

Church accommodation is being provided for our young people who go West. A new Church of which Rev. Mr. Chisholm, a Pictou man, is pastor, was recently opened at Kamloops, the head centre of the great ranching districts of British Columbia.

Rev. Mr. Christie a short time ago opened up a station at Sackville, near Bedford. A fortnightly service is given and the meetings are well attended. A Presbyterian Church is now talked of and is much needed in this locality. Aid should be given this new and struggling section.—*Com.*

Middle Musquodoboit congregation at their last annual meeting added \$50 to the Pastor's salary. They have now reached the minimum \$750 and a Manse.

The Presbytery of Truro meets at Onslow on March 30th, and holds a conference on Sabbath Schools at 7.30 on the evening of the same day.

Received two dollars from "Friend," Pictou Landing, for Mr. Gibson's schools, Trinidad.

Pure religion and undefiled is "ministering," not the other thing, "being ministered unto." It is handing over the morning paper to another for first perusal. It is vacating a pleasant seat by the fire for one who comes in chilled. It is giving the most restful arm-chair or sofa corner for one who is weary. It is "moving up" in the pew to let the new comer sit down by the entrance. It is rising from your place to darken the blind when the sun's rays stream in too brightly upon some face in the circle. It is giving up your own comfort and convenience every time for the comfort and convenience of another. This is at once true courtesy and real Christianity.—*The Rev. A. L. Stone.*