

was inevitable, and being so he wished to see it the greatest possible blessing and success. Mr. Muir spoke of the revival experienced in Scotland, and the happy results anticipated from it. Many young men had offered their services for missionary work in the Colonies, or in foreign countries. In response to this remark, several brethren expressed a strong wish for young men to come into our part of the field as Catechists. The conference, friendly and informal as it was, was exceedingly delightful. Our Scottish brethren evidently "seek the good of Zion," and valuable results may be anticipated from their visit. Principal Ross and other brethren warmly endorsed the Colonial Committee's policy of non-interference in local difficulties. The friendly expressions and kind inquiries of the Scottish Fathers showed clearly that the position of Presbyterianism in these Provinces is appreciated by them, and that the Church of Scotland will not be behind her wont in her helpful efforts.

Rev. Messrs. Muir and Playfair left this city for Pictou, where they will remain over Sabbath, and then proceed to Cape Breton with the view of spending the next Sabbath in Charlottetown. Thence they intend to proceed to Quebec, Montreal and Toronto. Their time is very limited, as they expect to return to Scotland about the end of September. We wish them safety and comfort in their journeyings.—*Presbyterian Witness*.

II. IN PICTOU.

Messrs. Muir and Playfair who are now on a visit to Canada, preached on August 15th, at Pictou and New Glasgow, the former had a thorough day's work at Pictou, on a very hot Sunday—preached twice and addressed the Sunday School and Association, and also joined in the union prayer meeting at night with the other ministers. Mr. Muir's preaching is thoroughly evangelical and spiritual, expressed in a pleasing style, and enforced with a vigorous elocution. His hearers at night consisted, in addition to the members of St. Andrew's Church, of many from the other two Presbyterian Congregations, the Ministers of which having very hand-

somely given up their own services in favor of the Kirk. Every one was charmed at the vigorous missionary appeal and vindication of the Gospel. Mr. Muir is liberal as to ecclesiastical Communion, having recommended co-operation with the other Bodies in the work of the Lord. He declared himself much refreshed by his visit to Pictou. On a week-evening Mr. Muir preached at River John to an overflowing congregation.

The Rev. H. Muir, Dalmeny, and the Rev. Daniel Playfair, Abercorn, Scotland, Ministers of the Church of Scotland, are at present on a visit to the Dominion. Last week they arrived at Halifax, and had a friendly meeting with ministers and influential laymen of that city. The Rev. Mr. Muir is convener of the Colonial Committee, and the Rev. Mr. Playfair a member. Their visit to the Dominion is not an official one; but they are desirous of making themselves acquainted with the condition of Presbyterianism in this country, by such personal observations as the brief time at their disposal will admit of. The Rev. gentlemen arrived in this county on Friday last. On Sunday Mr. Muir preached in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, morning and evening, and also visited the Sunday Schools, Young Men's Christian Association and prayer meetings, in which he officiated. Mr. Playfair spent the Sabbath at New Glasgow, and both left yesterday morning by the steamer for Cape Breton, after returning from which place they will visit P. E. Island, and proceed to Canada via St. John, and thence to Scotland, where they expect to arrive by the end of September.

The Rev. R. H. Muir, Minister of Dalmeny, Scotland, and Convener of the Church of Scotland's Colonial Committee, visited River John on Friday last, and conducted services in the Kirk there in the evening. Much interest was manifested by the people, in the visit of so esteemed and influential a minister as Mr. Muir, and the church was crowded to excess. Mr. Muir delivered an evangelical address of great earnestness, clearness and fervour, and afterwards at the prayer meeting, gave some details of the work of grace in