

Queen for Little Harbor. These commissions were sustained and the names of these elders added to the roll of Presbytery.

After the minutes of the meetings held during the Session of Synod were read and sustained, the Presbytery then proceeded with the visitation of the congregation in the usual manner, by putting the questions of the formula to the ministers, elders, session, and managers, and which on the whole were very satisfactorily answered. The minister preaches the gospel faithfully, visits and catechises the families of his congregation once a year, and attentively visits the afflicted. He is a laborious, conscientious, and faithful minister, and his labours have not been in vain, as appeared from the visitation. He is assisted by faithful and pious men in the Eldership, who although the majority of them have reached that age when men naturally seek repose from labour and the anxieties of office, are endeavouring according to their physical ability to perform the work which the church and congregation require at their hand.—They all watch carefully over the morals of the congregation—visit the sick, attend meetings of Session, and other church courts as they have opportunity and ability.

The Session meets quarterly for conference and prayer. There is a large amount of attention paid to Sabbath Schools, 16 teachers, 140 pupils, and 600 volumes in their Library. The course of instruction in these schools consist in Scripture Lessons, Shorter Catechism, Brown's Catechism, Watts' Scripture History, and instruction in the Confession of Faith.

This congregation in proportion to its numbers and wealth, contributes liberally to all the schemes of the church. Its average contributions to these schemes during the last two years have been as follows:—For Synod Fund, \$16; Ministerial Education, \$22.30; Home Mission Fund, \$53.20; Foreign Mission, \$56.22½. Its whole average contributions per year for all purposes during the last seven years, which is the term of Mr. Ross's pastorate, has been \$1226.05, averaging per family about \$9.50. It began seven years ago by paying its minister \$600 stipend, two years afterwards it raised the stipend to \$700, which is still the formal stipend, but last year paid \$800, besides the ladies undertaking to pay their minister's yearly rate of \$20 to the Widow's Fund. This congregation has made steady and marked progress under its present pastor. The communion roll has been doubled in numbers and its liberality largely increased. The Presbytery expressed themselves highly satisfied with the state of the congregation, recommended an enlargement of the Session and making the stipend formally as well as actually \$800.

The congregation of Antigonish made

application for a member of Presbytery to be appointed to moderate in a call for one to be their pastor. The application was granted, and the Rev. George Patterson was appointed to preach in the congregation on Wednesday the 7th August, at 7 p. m., and moderate in a call.

After supply was made for Mr. Grant's pulpit, Merigomish, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in John Knox's Church, New Glasgow, on the third Tuesday of August (20th) at 11 a. m.

JOHN MACKINNON, Clerk.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in John Knox's Church on the 20th inst., and was constituted by the Rev. George Patterson, moderator, with whom were present the Revs. George Walker, D. B. Blair, A. P. Miller, Lauchlan Macdonald, George Roddick, John Mackinnon, Alexander Ross, J. A. F. Sutherland, A. J. Mowitt, A. McL. Sinclair, J. F. Forbes, and J. B. Watt, ministers, and Messrs. James McGregor, Donald Ross, and John Meikle, ruling elders.

Commissions from the Sessions of John Knox's Church appointing Mr. Donald Ross, of Primitive Church appointing Jas. McGregor, Esq., of Blue Mountain appointing Mr. John Meikle, of Sharon Church, Albion Mines, appointing Mr. Daniel Falconer, to be their respective representative elders in Presbytery and in Synod during the ensuing year, were read and sustained, and the names of the elders added to the roll of Presbytery. Messrs. D. Ross, J. McGregor and John Meikle being present, took their seats as members of Presbytery.

The minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

Mr. Patterson reported that according to appointment he had preached at Antigonish on the 7th inst., at 7 p. m., and moderated in a call, which came out in favour of Mr. James Daniel Murray, preacher, to be pastor of that congregation. The call was largely signed by both members and adherents. Robert Trotter, Esq., appeared as commissioner in behalf of the congregation to prosecute the call before Presbytery. He stated among other things that the stipend aimed at by the congregation was £175, with manse and glebe, but that in the mean time they were disposed to begin with £150. The Presbytery approved of Mr. Patterson's conduct and diligence, sustained the call as a regular gospel call regularly proceeded in, and recommended that the trustees of the congregation use diligence to make the stipend at once £175, together with manse and glebe. The following subjects of trials for ordination were assigned Mr. Murray in the event of his accepting the call, viz.: Lecture, Acts xiii. 38-41;