

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

met at Kingston, on the 27th August for the induction of Rev. Wm. Hamilton and other business.

The minutes of the previous meeting read and sustained.

The report of Rev. Robt. Laing's visit to certain congregations within the bounds (in the interest of the Augmentation Scheme), was read and adopted, and the thanks of Presbytery tendered to him for his diligence and zeal in the matter.

The edict for the induction of Rev. Wm. Hamilton was returned, duly served, Rev. E. Wallace Waits conducted public worship, Rev. Wm. Aitken narrated the steps which had led to the call, put the questions prescribed to the minister, offered prayer, and inducted Mr. Hamilton into the charge of the congregation of Richibucto, Rev. T. G. Johnstone addressed the minister, and Mr. Aitken the people.

A call from Bias River in favour of Rev. J. A. McLean was laid on the table, unanimous and signed by 102 members and 160 adherents. It was sustained and ordered to be transmitted with relative documents to Mr. McLean, at Vale Colliery, N. S.

A call was read from St. John's Church Chatham, in favor of Rev. Neil McKay of Summerside, P. E. Island. The call was signed by 119 members and 143 adherents. It was sustained and the clerk was instructed to transmit it with relative documents to the Rev. J. M. McLeod, clerk Presbytery P. E. I. Rev. J. D. Murray of Buctouche was appointed to prosecute the call.

The Rev. Mr. Hamilton was appointed moderator of the session of Kouchibouguac.

The Rev. Thomas Sedgewick was nominated for Moderator of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces.

Mr. J. D. Murray was ordered to dispense the sacrament of the Lord's supper at Kouchibouguac, any Sabbath in September, and to exchange with the catechist there for the purpose of doing so.

The next ordinary meeting will be held in the hall of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on the third Tuesday of October (20) at 11 a. m.

E. WALLACE WAITS, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

met on Tuesday, Sept. 1, in St Andrew's

Church.

Dr. Macrae was appointed moderator of the session of Greenock church, St. Andrews.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Stewart and Gray and Judge Stevens, on the constitution of St. James' church, Dorchester.

A report was read by Rev. Mr. Hogg from the supplementary committee on augmentation scheme, urging renewed efforts in this direction.

Messrs. Hogg and Gray were deputed to visit Shediac, Shemogue and Buctouche.

Mr. Allan was requested to get Glassville and Florenceville to fill up the Augmentation scheme schedule.

Messrs. Mowatt and Bruce were appointed to visit Nashwaak and Stanley.

Mr. K. McKay submitted a report from Woodstock.

The church building committee reported that having organized and elected Mr. Willett, chairman, and Mr. John Stewart, secretary, they had loaned a sum of money from the aged and infirm ministers' fund, \$500 of which had been paid to the Dorchester church. They recommended that the Riverside congregation be notified that they must not assume any liabilities on the strength of moneys promised them by the Presbytery.

It was resolved that the Presbytery approve of the action of the committee in securing the money for the Dorchester church, and that the Presbytery urge on all the congregations the necessity of relieving them of the obligation under which they had placed themselves.

Dr. Macrae moved that the Riverside people be notified that they would receive \$250 as soon as the Presbytery could possibly send it to them.

Dr. Macrae read a letter from Rev. Mr. Jack, who was recently thrown from his carriage and severely injured. He moved the clerk be instructed to communicate to their brother, Mr. Jack, their sympathy with him in his affliction. Resolved that the Presbytery should unite in a thanksgiving prayer at the close of this session for the recovery of their brother.

Dr. Macrae reported verbally for the home missions and stated the progress that had been made in the different stations. He was cognizant of the fact that they wanted more men in the field, but where were they to procure them? They had a partial supply, but a very partial one for this fall. In conclusion he said he wished to resign as a member of the committee, and assuming that it was accepted he begged to recommend as a