

manse. The Presbytery promised to render every assistance possible, and expressed the hope that Mr. Layton would withdraw his demission, which he accordingly did. It was stated that the Coldstream Congregation number 65 families, at its organization, in November 1871, there were 88 names on the communion roll, 52 names have been added since, 25 of these within the present year. Besides paying the promised salary very fully and promptly, they have paid off a debt of \$264 on the church, and raised \$1,000 for the manse. In the four years they have contributed upwards of \$700 to the schemes of the church and other religious and benevolent objects. In 1874 the amount contributed was \$198, being an average of \$3.04 per family.

The Rev. B. Ross, of Upper Londonderry, and Rev. D. Mc Kinnon, of Parrsboro' tendered their demission of their respective congregations. Both are allowed to lie on the table, and the usual steps directed to be taken.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in Truro on the 2nd. Tuesday of December at 11 o'clock a.m.

Presbytery of Wallace.

The Presbytery met at St. John on October 6th and 7th.

The Committee appointed to organize Amherst into a congregation reported that that they had done so. Their report was cordially sustained.

The Presbytery met again at Wallace on November 2nd.

A petition was read from Amherst praying for moderation in a call. Mr. D. Spence, Elder, appeared in support of the same. The stipend offered is \$650 per annum, and the Presbytery was asked to request a grant of \$150 per annum from the Supplementing Committee. The prayer of the petition was granted, and the Rev. J. Munro was appointed to Moderate in a call at Amherst on the 9th inst. It was also agreed to apply to the Supplementing Committee in terms of the request of the Congregation.

The matter in respect to which the Synod's advice had been sought was considered and disposed of.

It was agreed that a Presbytery Fund be instituted, and that there be four regular meetings of Presbytery during the year to be held on the first Tuesday of February, May, August and November.

The Presbytery met again at Wallace on November 16th.

The Rev. J. Munro reported that he had fulfilled the duty assigned him at Amherst, and that the call had come out unani-

mous in favor of the Rev. T. Talloch, A.M. The call was sustained, and the Clerk was instructed to give due notification to Mr. Talloch.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou held an *ad hunc effectum* meeting on the 26th ult., at which a call from the East River congregation addressed to the Rev. A. McL. Sinclair, signed by 239 communicants and 138 adherents was sustained by the Presbytery and accepted by him.

It was agreed to induct him in St. Paul's Church, on the 10th inst.

The stipend promised him is \$1000, paid quarterly.

The Presbytery met according to appointment on the 10th inst., in St. Paul's Church for Mr. Sinclair's induction. The Rev. D. McKae, of St. John, N. B., preached an excellent and appropriate sermon from John xiii: 14. Dr. Bayne presided, Dr. Patterson addressed the newly inducted minister, and the Revs. George M. Grant, Halifax, and D. B. Blair the people—the one in English and the other in Gaelic.

Mr. Sinclair was welcomed by the people in the usual way, and entered with their hearty concurrence on his pastoral duties.—The attendance was large, and a deep interest appeared to be manifested by all present in the solemn services of the day.

The Presbytery met in Lochaber Church on the 17th inst., for the visitation of Mr. Forbes' congregation. The Rev. Dr. Patterson preached a practical sermon from Matthew xx: 1—16.

The congregation was found to be in a most prosperous and healthy condition.—Ministers, Elders and Managers were found to be faithfully and diligently attending to their respective duties. During last spring a precious season of revival was enjoyed; and since then 124 persons have joined the communion of the Church. Since Mr. Forbes' settlement, about \$10,000 have been expended by the people in Church and Manse Building, and now they have agreed to add a \$100 a year to his stipend at the beginning of the year, thus making it \$900.

A call from the congregation of Tara and Allanford, Presbytery of Bruce, (Ontario,) was presented to him, offering him a \$1,000 a year stipend which he declined, and in which declination the Presbytery concurred.

Mr. Ernest Bayne was appointed to the Vale Colliery on the first and second Sabbaths of December, and to Sherbrooke, on the third and fourth Sabbaths of the same month.