

their hearts, and make him feel that he is at home among them.

The services, though somewhat long, were yet attended to throughout with intense interest. At times the audience was deeply affected. At the close, the people gave in the usual manner their welcome, no doubt most cordial. It was an auspicious beginning to both minister and people.

May the day be a type of the whole future history of the congregation—a course of spiritual sunshine and prosperity!

Presbytery of Truro.

This Presbytery according to appointment, met at Truro on the 7th inst. There were present the Rev. Messrs. Baxter, Moderator *pro tem.*, M'Culloch, D.D., Ross, Wylie, Currie, M'Lellan, M'Gillivray, Sinclair, and Chase A.M., Ministers; and Messrs. Dickie, Dunlap, Loughhead, Peppard, Putnam and Johnson, Ruling Elders.

The first business of importance was the Rev. J. D. M'Gillivray's demission of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Middle Stewiacke and Brookfield. There appeared Messrs. Kennedy, Dunlap, and Frame Commissioners from the congregation. The difficulties influencing Mr. M'Gillivray to take this step were freely spoken of, and also the effect which the removal would likely have upon the interests of religion in the place. The Presbytery having heard the whole matter unanimously advised him to withdraw his demission. This he consented to do after having, by permission, taken a few hours to consider.

Took up an appeal by Mr. Isaiah Smith, elder, against a step of the Session of Maitland and Noel 1st, suspending him from the eldership and the fellowship of the church. The case was heard at considerable length, but owing to the pressure of other business its settlement was deferred till a future meeting.

Mr. John Christie, whose appeal against action of the Truro Session had been considered at last meeting, and dismissed, and whose case had been referred back to the Session, again appeared and laid on the table a paper containing a statement of complaint against the manner in which the Session had been dealing with his case. The paper being read the Presbytery unanimously resolved that it be withdrawn as presenting no cause of complaint.

Commissioners appeared from the congregation of Acadia with a petition for a Moderation in a Call. The prayer of the petition was readily granted, and the congregation highly commended for its desire to have a settled minister and the spirit of liberality shown. Although previously paying according to its numbers nearly three

times the amount of some of the wealthier congregations in the Presbytery, this congregation, it would appear, has of its own accord resolved to increase the stipend independent of the supplement, from \$400 to \$600. If the church in general would show such liberality, there would be but few instances of ministers being compelled to demit on account of not being supported.

The Truro Session having memorialized the Presbytery for a division of their congregation cutting off certain specified stations with the view of forming them in a distinct congregation, the Presbytery granted the division as asked, leaving the settling of the bounds for future action.

Next meeting is at Charlottetown during the meeting of Synod.

A. L. WYLLIE, *Clerk.*

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in John Knox's Church on the 7th inst., for the induction of the Rev. John McL. McLeod, into the pastoral charge of that congregation, and was constituted by the Rev. Dr. Bayne, Moderator, *pro tem.*, with whom were present the Revs. George Walker, D. B. Blair, George Patterson, Jas. Thompson, William Maxwell, George Roddick, John MacKinnon, Alexander Ross, A. J. Mowitt, A. McL. Sinclair and William Grant, Ministers; and Messrs. James Davison, Dr. Murray, James Fraser, J. I. Cameron, Charles Fraser, William Dunn, and John MacKenzie, Ruling Elders.

The Revs. Dr. Roy, John Stewart and Alexander Stirling were present as corresponding members.

The Rev. Mr. Maxwell preached an excellent sermon from Jeremiah xxiii. 6, "And this is the name whereby He shall be called The Lord Our Righteousness." The Rev. Mr. Roddick presided, narrated the steps taken to procure the Call, put the questions of the Formula to Mr. McLeod which he satisfactorily answered, offered the induction prayer, and thereafter gave him with the other members of Presbytery the right hand of fellowship. The Rev. Mr. Thompson addressed the newly inducted minister in suitable and appropriate terms, as also did the Rev. Mr. Blair the people.

Mr. McLeod was introduced in the usual way to both the people and the Session, who heartily welcomed him as their minister. He enters upon his pastoral labours in this congregation under the most encouraging circumstances. He has a praying, pious, and united people, and under the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, there is every reason to hope that the congregation will greatly prosper.

Appointments were then made for the month of June.