

Presbytery of Truro.

The vacancy in the Presbytery of Truro, caused by the translation of the Rev. A. McLeod from Parrsboro to West River, was filled on Tuesday May 20th, by the induction of Rev. Alex. Ross.—The day was pleasant, and although an exceedingly busy one for farmers, a goodly congregation assembled at the church at the appointed hour. The Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. W. T. Bruce, presided and inducted. Public worship was conducted by the clerk and the steps leading to the settlement were narrated by Rev. Mr. Logan. Rev. E. Ross addressed the minister and Rev. E. Grant the congregation. The services were appropriate and impressive, and the congregation listened with interest until the close, then giving their minister a cordial welcome as they passed from the church.

Parrsboro is beautifully situated on the north bank of the Half Way River as it broadens into the Bay of Fundy. The town is prosperous and rapidly increasing; the congregation has struggled on during a somewhat protracted vacancy; and it is believed that a valuable impulse will be given to the cause by the settlement of Tuesday, bringing as it does to the benefit of the congregation the services of a man of large experience, tact and energy. A commodious Church, partly completed, stands overlooking the town, which it is hoped will be finished during this summer.

It was agreed in view of all the circumstances of the case to ask for a grant of two hundred dollars from the Supplementing Fund for the present year.

Mr. Bruce reported that the call from St. Paul's had come out in favor of the Rev. Wm. McMillan of East River, Pictou. The call was sustained and directed to be forwarded to the Presbytery of Pictou in connection with the Church of Scotland.

A call from Woodstock, transmitted by the Presbytery of St. John—to the Rev. James Sinclair, was laid on the table. The congregation of Upper Londonderry was cited to appear for their interests at the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet again at the Presbyterian Hall, Truro, on the second Tuesday of July, at 11 a. m.

J. H. CHASE, Clerk.

Presbytery of Sydney.

Presbytery of Sydney met at Mira 7th.

Moderation in a call was granted to St. Matthew's congregation, North Sydney, and the Clerk was appointed to preside thereat on the evening of Wednesday, the 21st inst., at 7.30.

The Committee appointed to confer with Dr. McLeod anent arrears of stipend, reported, recommending that it be paid on the basis of the original agreement. Report was received and its recommendation adopted.

Mr John McLennan was appointed to labour at Mira during the summer, dividing his time equally between that place and Leith's Creek.

Resolved that the Presbytery enjoin trustees and elders to use all legitimate means to have all arrears paid up within one year from the present date.

The report of the Committee on Augmentation was read and adopted, and the Clerk was instructed to issue a circular to visiting delegations.

The Moderator read the report of the Committee on the State of Religion which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded.

Next meeting to be in St. Andrew's Church, Sydney, on the 28th May, at 11 a. m.

G. L. GORDON, Clerk.

"ONLY"

ONLY! A great deal is sometimes hidden in the word.

Here is Evelyn L., the only and petted child of her parents, and the heiress of her father's immense wealth. Surely, you would say, she must be happy: but is really quite the reverse; for she is neither contented nor happy, her face told you so plainly. But a time came when Evelyn's whole countenance underwent a great change; a bright, happy look took the place of the gloomy one that it had usually worn. What was the secret of it?

Only a little book, given to her by a Christian lady. God had blessed the reading of that little book to her soul. By it the Holy Spirit showed her her need of a Saviour, and, in the Lord Jesus, Evelyn found peace and gladness.

Only the gift of a little halfpenny book! but it was the means, under God, of the conversion of an immortal soul.—*Our own Magazine.*

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