

sions at home and abroad; and to present sound religious instruction in the sermons which we publish. We are very grateful for the aid we receive from our contributors and trust their assistance will increase.

We were pleased to notice lately a strong crew gathering in the harvest for the Rev. W. McMillan of East River. We believe indeed, that members of his congregation are in the habit of doing a great deal of the work required on their minister's farm gratis—and we know they do it with hearty good-will. Long may they flourish.

In this connection it would be ungrateful not to mention that at Roger's Hill, they are not behind in this respect. A short time ago a willing and joyous crew began the Autumn labours of improving the glebe which bids fair in a short time to be the finest in the county. If this congregation were not one of the most best in the world, we might mention many acts of kindness and liberality unenthusiastically performed by many of its members.

The Presbytery of Egerton met by commission of Synod, at Pictou on the 29th ult. The business was to consider the expediency of changing the date of Presbyterial visitation of East Branch congregation from 6th Oct. to 27th Oct. for reasons rendered the change necessary. The annual meeting of the Supplementing Fund Committee is always on the first Wednesday of October, which happens to be the 6th. The County Exhibition also opens on the 6th. Members of the Presbytery and members of St. Paul's congregation would thus be drawn to Pictou on that day. The change was accordingly made, and the Presbytery will meet at East Branch on 27th Oct., at 11 o'clock.

A meeting of the Vale Colliery congregation held on the 29th ult. was decided to take no steps, during the next two or three months, towards building a church or hall for public wor-

ship. It was considered prudent to watch, during that time, the course of events.

MEETING OF PRESBYTERY.

PICTOU, SEPT. 29th 1880.

Which day and place the Provincial Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland met agreeably to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Sederunt.—Rev. Robert Burnet, moderator, with Revd. Messrs. James W. Fraser, Fitzpatrick, McKenzie, William Stewart, William McMillan, Charles Dunn, George Murray, and Alex. J. McKichan, ministers: and with Messrs. McKay, Samuel Fraser, James McLeod, Peter Campbell, Hugh McDonald, and Daniel McLeod, Elders. Mr. McKichan acted as clerk, pro tem.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved of with instruction to the clerk to insert in full Mr. McKichan's resolution embodying rules for the guidance of Home Mission Board in making grants, as also Mr. Murray's resolution recommending the Supplementing Fund to the sympathy and support of the ministers and congregations within the bounds of the Synod.

The Rev. Neil Brodie, minister of Gairloch, being present and not considering himself a member of court, was asked to sit and deliberate.

The time of the meeting was principally occupied in considering the report of the Home Mission Board and the prospects of the Church generally.

It was moved by Rev. Mr. Stewart, seconded by Rev. Mr. McKichan, and unanimously agreed that the moderator telegraph to the Revd. Dr. Gray, of Liberton, Convenor of Colonial Committee, and now at the Pan-Presbyterian Council at Philadelphia, asking him to hold a conference with this Synod. The following telegram approved by the Synod was thereupon despatched "The