

attendance on Church courts; as a rule administers the sacrament of baptism in an orderly way; does not administer baptism to infants whose parents are not in fellowship; has no Bible class under his personal supervision.

The Elders answered that they generally tried to carry out the duties of visiting, advising and praying with the families of their several districts; watching carefully over the members; visit the afflicted; attend the meetings of Session, and, as appointed, other Church courts; and attend and take part in prayer meetings.

The Session answered that there is not a competent number of Elders; have districts allotted, but owing to their fewness cannot fully overtake them, but mean to elect additional Elders at an early date; are careful not to admit to sealing ordinances persons under censure in other Congregations; have no meetings for conference and prayer exclusively; as far as they can, give attention to the conduct and training of baptized youth, so as to induce that class to dedicate themselves to God; have one Sabbath School superintended by one of their number and two others of them are teachers; contributed to the Church schemes during the past year as follows:—Widow's Fund, \$8.70; Synod Fund, \$25.00 Supplement Fund, \$73 56; Home Mission, \$37.50; Foreign Mission, \$30.00; the ordinance of praise is generally observed by the congregation, and order is taken that it be conducted in a becoming manner; religion is in a flourishing state, an evidence of which is that 34, most of them young people, were added to the membership during the year 1869; and their financial affairs are transacted by Trustees under the Incorporation Act.

The Trustees said that they give the Minister \$1,000 per annum; would increase that salary if circumstances permitted; discharge their obligations to the pastor to the letter; meet their liabilities promptly; the Minister's salary is raised by seat rents, Sabbath collections and subscription; meet monthly, and end their financial year in July.

It was further elicited by questions put by members of Presbytery that there was paid to all purposes during the year \$2,998.44; that the Congregational debt is now \$3,200, having cleared off \$1,200 during the past year.

The members of Presbytery being called on, each and all gave expression to their feelings in the warmest manner as to the progress manifested by the above answers. Mr. McKay detailed in a fuller manner to the delight of the Presbytery the tokens of spiritual life that have been visible for some time past, specially at the prayer meetings and classes of young communicants. The

following finding was then come to by the Court:—

"That this Presbytery having heard and carefully considered the answers made by the Pastor, Elders and Trustees of this Congregation, express their gratitude to God for the progress that is evident in all departments; congratulate the Pastor and Session on the tokens of spiritual life that are manifest, particularly among the young, and pray that the efforts put forth may be still more abundantly acknowledged; commend the diligence of the Trustees in discharging their obligations, and especially in the reduction of the Church debt; and encourage all sections of the congregation to proceed as they have been doing in the Lord's work—in adding to the membership, contributing to Missions, and in all christian work."

It was then moved and agreed to that Mr. Houston exchange pulpits with Mr. McKay at the morning diet on Sabbath the 13th of this month, and read the above finding to the Congregation.

### Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in John Knox's Church, New Glasgow, on the 22nd ult., and was constituted by the Rev. George Roddick, Moderator, with whom were present the Revs. David Roy, D. D., George Walker, James Bayne, D. D., A. P. Miller, D. B. Blair, George Patterson, James Thompson, John Mackinnon, Alexander Ross, R. J. Grant, C. B. Pitblado, A. J. Mowett, and J. F. Forbes, Ministers, and Messrs. James Fraser, John Miller, Henry Archibald, John D. Cameron, James Davison, and John Mackenzie, Ruling Elders.

The Revs. John Stewart and Thomas Cumming being present, took their seats as corresponding members.

A Commission from the Session of Glenelg, appointing Mr. Henry Archibald their representative Elder in Presbyteries and Synod during the ensuing year, was read, sustained, and his name added to the roll.

The Presbytery then took up the call from Chalmers Church, Halifax, to the Rev. C. B. Pitblado.

The Rev. Mr. Murray's report of the fulfilment of his appointment in connection with this call, was read and approved.

Messrs. Alexander Cumming, John A. Kirk, M. P. P., Alexander Fisher, Angus Cameron, and Niel Gunn, appeared as Commissioners from Glenelg and East River, St. Mary's; Messrs. Robert Murray, Robert Boak, and J. C. McIntosh, as Commissioners from Chalmers Church, and the Rev. John Cameron, as a Commissioner from the Halifax Presbytery.