

Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

This Presbytery met at Goose River for visitation on the 25th of October last. The questions of the Formula were put and answered, and the various parties were suitably addressed. In the Goose River and Shini mecas section of the congregation evidences of progress were clearly discernible. The new Church which had for some time so far as the interior was concerned remained unfinished was found to be rapidly approaching completion and in a style which reflected great credit on the congregation. It was also found that their obligations to their minister were being duly implemented.—The other section of the congregation was not found to be in so satisfactory a condition, and means were taken to stir them up to their duty.

Mr. John D. Murray, Student, appeared before the Presbytery and passed a very creditable examination on the subjects of his Course. The Clerk was authorized to certify him to the Divinity Hall.

The next meeting was appointed to be held at Tatamagouche on the second Tuesday of January.

The Presbytery met again on the above date, the 10th of January. The Revs. J. Watson and T. Sedgwick were appointed a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Presbytery of Truro, as to the propriety of transferring the station of Westchester to the Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

The Rev. J. Munro was appointed to supply the pulpit of Professor Smith on the third and the Rev. James Watson on the fourth Sabbaths of February.

The Rev. T. Sedgwick gave notice that at next meeting he would introduce an overture to Synod on the better support of the Ministry.

The other business was of a routine nature. The next meeting was appointed to be held at New Annan for visitation, on the second Tuesday of March, the Rev. J. Munro to preach.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in Primitive Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, 24th Jany. Mr. C. B. Pitblado being present, the Call from the Congregation of Glenelg, Caledonia, and East River of St. Mary's, was presented to him, when he intimated his acceptance of the same. He then proceeded to deliver his trials for license which were sustained and his ordination was appointed to take place in Glenelg church on Wednesday, 15th February, Mr. Downie to preach, Mr. Blair to address the minister, and Mr. J. A. F. Sutherland the people.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The Rev. Dr. JAMES BUCHANAN has been proposed as Moderator of the next Free Church Assembly, but we believe he has declined the honour.

The total expenditure of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions (Old School) last year was \$221,000. This Board has sent many missionaries to India, Siam, China, Africa and South America.

We observe in the *Canada Record* the obituary of the Rev. JAMES McDOWALL, who, a few years ago officiated as chaplain in Bermuda in connection with the Free Church Synod. He was settled in Canada in 1861. He was in the 39th year of his age.

In the island of Rotumah, one of the Fijis, the churches, under heavy persecution, had been left to their native teachers. At the end of five years a missionary visit shows that idolatry is dying out, and Christianity advancing. There are about two hundred and thirty communicants and twelve hundred nominal Christians. They have eleven chapels, besides other places for worship. The good seed is indestructible.

Fireside Reading.

Work and Wait.

Work for time is flying;
Work with heart sincere;
Work, for souls are dying;
Work, for night is near.

In the Master's vineyard
Go and work to-day;
Be no useless sluggard,
Standing in the way.

Sound the invitation—
'Sinners, come to Me;'
Tell to every nation,
Mercy's full and free.

In this glorious calling
Work till day is o'er;
Work, till evening falling,
You can work no more.

Then your labor bringing
To the king of kings;
Borne with joy and singing
Home on angel's wings.