

had returned from Hospital the day before and her husband and daughter had spoken harshly to her for returning so soon and giving them trouble, instead of waiting till she was quite strong. When her husband had gone to work she sent her daughter on a message and then cut her throat. She lay covered with blood, but the bleeding had been stopped, and there is hope of her recovery.

In the afternoon I returned with Mr. Macrae who was at Tunapuna, and after further enquiry and instruction, with his entire approval I baptized the woman, who still lives, and whom I have visited several times since.

Such cases are not numerous and it is not desirable that they should be. Yet God's grace is not to be limited, and we dare not say to a soul pleading so earnestly and pathetically for mercy, in the name of Jesus, and professing to trust and hope only in his finished work, it is too late for hope—too late for baptism.

JOHN MORTON.

A RELIC.

[For the Maritime.

In the MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN of Jan., 1833, is given an account of the first Presbyterian ordination in the Maritime Provinces, that of the Rev. Alexander Dick, which took place at Douglas, now Maitland, June 21st, 1803. Nearly two years after Mr. Dick's settlement a few Presbyterian families living on the Halifax road and Gays River drew up a paper of adherence which was addressed to the Presbytery concurring in Mr. Dick's call, and promising to contribute to his support. This paper, now nearly 74 years of age, will give our readers some idea of the long distances the pioneers of Presbyterianism had to travel in the performance of their duties. From Noel to Gays River was for a time the extent of Mr. Dick's congregation, not less than 50 miles in length. His mode of travel was on horseback and by boat. When we contrast the extent of his field with our present comparatively compact charges, we can see what an amount of physical toil must have been performed by those faithful men. They now rest from their labors and others have entered in and reaped where they have sown. As we read the story of their work let us hold them in grateful remembrance for the work they did in laying in these

Provinces the foundation on which our extended Presbyterianism rests.

SHUBENACADIE, HX. ROAD, & GAYS RIVER, April 8th, 1805.

"To the Associate Presbytery of Nova Scotia :

"That whereas, on the 3rd Nov., 1802, a call having been given the Rev. Alex. Dick, by the inhabitants of the village of Noel and Shubenacadie; to be their settled minister, which call being presented to the Presbytery was sustained by them and accepted by him: The under subscribers do hereby profess and declare our adherence to said call according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and also our readiness to contribute our assistance to our brethren supporting the Gospel according to said call, and further we request this Rev. Presbytery to accept and sustain this our adherence to Mr. Dick's call, and your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

Witness present :

George Campbell	John Colter
Samuel Burrows	Wm. Pollock
Wm. Dickey	John McGeorge
Stephen Gourley	David Dickey
William Wallis	Isaac Woodworth
William Cook	John Boggs
Robert Blades	Alex. Woodworth
Ephraim Wright	John Watson
Robert Wallis	William Green
Simeon Howard	Joseph Boggs
Samuel Frame	George Ellis
Benj. Woodworth	John Hamnerman
Nathl. Jenkins	John Ellis
James Ellis	James Ellis, 2nd

STELLARTON CONGREGATION, PICTOU, N. S.

[For the Maritime Presbyterian.

Presbyterianism in Pictou County has an ancient history. In not a few of the congregations in the East the antiquarian finds much in which he delights to revel. There are also recently formed charges which, though they cannot present many historical facts, or tell an interesting tale of pioneer work, yet furnish much that may prove of a cheering and stimulating character.

Some congregations, owing to an influx of population, are of rapid growth, and become large and flourishing in a short