

the Basis, the name, the formula for the admission of ministers from other bodies, and of the other proposals sent down from Synod. In some instances the *Congregations*, as well as sessions, had expressed their views. No reports had been received from the Sessions of Nine Mile River and of Musquodobuit. As the Presbytery had not yet recorded any minute expressive of approval it was on motion agreed unanimously that the Presbytery record its approval of the Basis and accompanying documents on the subject of Union with the Free Church, sent down by Synod, express joy and thanksgiving to God for the unanimity of our Sessions and Congregations on this subject so far as reports have been received, and acquiesce in the desire expressed for the early consummation of the Union. It was further agreed that Sessions who may yet wish to express their views and desires on this subject, should be requested to forward their reports to the Clerk of Presbytery during the month of January that all necessary information may be before the Committees at their first meeting.

The Presbytery having at its first meeting after Synod taken up the subject of Revivals of Religion, and agreed to call the attention of their respective Congregations to the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, and to the duty of special prayer, the Moderator inquired how far members had carried out their intended efforts, and with what success. All the members present stated that in their preaching they had given increased prominence to the office, work, and promise of the Holy Spirit, and the duty of united as well as personal prayer; and it appeared that in several, if not all, of the congregations there were indications of deepening interest in spiritual things being manifested. The Presbytery then adjourned with the understanding that at next meeting of Presbytery, some time would be devoted to conference and prayer on the same subject.

Adjourned to meet in Poplar Grove Church on the first Tuesday of March at 5 o'clock, P. M.

THE New Presbyterian Church at Maitland, Hants County, was opened

on Sabbath the 20th Nov. The Pastor of the Congregation preached on the occasion from the first clause of the 13th verse of the 77th Psalm—"Thy way, O God, is in the Sanctuary."

The building is elegant and substantial, and is alike creditable to the skill and good taste of the workmen, and ornamental to the village. It seats 350 persons, and costs about £900.

On the 29th ult, the pews were disposed of at auction, and the sum realized by the sale was quite sufficient to cover all expenses.

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at Pictou on the 27th December. Took up Mr. Byers' resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Tatamagouche, lying on the table since last meeting of Presbytery. Mr. John McCurdy appeared as Commissioner from the congregation who laid upon the table of Presbytery a resolution of the congregation, to offer no opposition to the acceptance of Mr. Byers' demission by the Presbytery, whereupon the said demission was accepted, and the pastoral relation dissolved between Mr. Byers and the congregation.

The Rev. George Roddick reported that he had preached at River John and moderated in a call from said congregation, which had come out unanimously in favour of Mr. Robert Laird, preacher of the gospel. The call signed by 114 members, and a paper of adherence signed by 162 persons were now laid upon the table of Presbytery, and commissioners appeared in support of the same. On motion the call was unanimously sustained, and the clerk was instructed to intimate the call to Mr. Laird, and request as early an answer as convenient, if possible by the next meeting of Presbytery, which will be held at New Glasgow on Tuesday, 23d January.