

sively the duty of working with their ministers—adequately supporting them—strengthening their hands, and giving careful heed to their teaching. Prayer was offered up by Rev. Sedgewick, and the congregation had the opportunity afforded them of cordially welcoming their young pastor.

The Presbytery met on Wednesday for the transaction of ordinary business. Reports of mission labor were read from Messrs E. McNab and John D. Murray, D. R. Miller, and A. M'L. Sinclair. These reports were all approved of. They showed that in nearly all the stations the Home Mission work has been much blessed—that there is a demand for regular and more frequent supply, and that the hearers are growing more liberal in their contributions in support of ordinances. A letter from Rev. John Morton informed the Presbytery that he was under the necessity of spending the winter in the West Indies on account of sore throat. Mr. Morton requested the Presbytery to supply his congregation during his absence. The Presbytery agreed to appoint Mr. Macnab to supply Mr. Morton's place for three months.

Mr. Christie called the attention of the Presbytery to the urgent necessity of sending a pro'ationer to Yarmouth. The field there is utterly beyond the power of one man to occupy. Much good has resulted from previous supplies, and any neglect at present would prove disastrous. It was agreed to appoint Mr. M'Curdy to Yarmouth for three months. The Presbytery were unable to send any assistance to Rev. Mr. Thornburn, Bermuda, in the meantime, but authorized the Home Mission Board to send suitable supply to that quarter as soon as practicable. Mr. M'Bean was appointed to supply Rawdon, Oldham and Meagher's Grant in the usual rotation. Messrs Maxwell and Cumming and R. Murray were appointed a Committee to examine students who had been unable to attend the last meeting of Presbytery. Messrs Christie and Gordon brought before the Presbytery the case of Bridgetown, a section of Mr. Gordon's congregation which is utterly without church accommodation. Presbyterians are few in the district. They support their pastor with great liberality, and they will do what they can towards building a place of worship; but they cannot undertake the work unaided. The Presbytery agreed to guarantee aid to the extent of £100, and Mr. Gordon was authorized to visit the congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery to solicit subscriptions. The following arrangements were made for the supply of Dr. Smith's pulpit: last Sabbath of January, Rev. J. M. M'Leod; first Sabbath of February, J. M'Lean; second Sabbath, Rev. D. S. Gordon. The Pres-

bytery is to hold its next meeting at Musquodoboit, for visitation of Mr. Sedgewick's congregation on the last Tuesday of February.

#### PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at Pictou on the 11th Oct. Commissioners appeared from Caledonia and Glenelg, representing the state of matters in these places. Letters were also read on the subject. From these representations it appeared that these places were ready to separate into two congregations. The Rev. Messrs. Downie and McKinnon and Mr. John McDougal were appointed a deputation to visit these places and also the East River of St. Mary's, and if they find the union of parties impracticable, to ascertain their ability to support a gospel ministry, provided these places be divided into two congregations. The same deputation was appointed to visit Lochaber and Goshen.

Reports were read of Messrs E. McNab's, E. Annand's, W. Campbell's and A. Stewart's labors within the bounds of the Presbytery, which were approved.

The following supply was appointed for Professor Smith's pulpit, Mr. Roy, 1st Sabbath, December; Mr. Campbell, 2nd; Mr. Walker 3rd; and Mr. Miller, 4th.

After appointing a supply of preaching for the vacancies under their charge, the Presbytery adjourned to meet again in John Knox's Church, New Glasgow, on the 2nd Tuesday of December.

The Presbytery again met at New Glasgow on the 13th December. The deputation appointed to visit East River St. Mary's, Caledonia and Glenelg, reported that they had fulfilled their appointment and held meetings at each of these places—that the large majority of the people at East River St. Mary's were in favor of a union with Glenelg—and that the people of Glenelg and Caledonia had agreed to remain together—that they had therefore united East River St. Mary's with them, to form one congregation—that finding the people ready to unite in calling one to be their pastor, and for that purpose pledging £175 per annum, with the prospect of being able to make it £200. A call had been moderated in, which had come out unanimously in favor of Mr. E. B. Pitblado. The Presbytery agreed, under all the circumstances, to sustain the action of the deputation. The call was then read. It was signed by about 260 communicants, and was accompanied by a paper of adherence, signed by 230 ordinary hearers, and a subscription list amounting to £200. The call was sustained and intimation appointed to be given Mr. Pitblado, and trials for or-