

in which decision all parties acquiesced.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be held on the first Tuesday of September, at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., and Sessions which have not yet elected their representative elder for the current year, are reminded that it will be necessary to do so at once, and to have their commissions on the table at that date.

The following arrangements have been made for the supply of vacancies during the month of August.

E. A. McCURDY, *Clerk*.

An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou was held at Glenelg, on the 15th July. There were present: Mr. Sinclair, Moderator; Messrs. E. A. McCurdy, R. Cumming, and J. L. George, ministers; and Messrs. John Cumming, Peter Gunn, and Alexander Sutherland, ruling elders. Mr. S. C. Gunn, of Spring-side, was also present as a corresponding member. Dr. Murray intimated his acceptance of the call from the congregation of North Sydney. The Presbytery agreed to acquiesce in his decision, to consent to his translation, his connection with his present charge to terminate on the 3rd of August, and to express their sympathy with the congregation of Vale Colliery and Sutherland's River in the loss of their pastor.

The clerk was instructed to endeavor to secure a catechist to labor at Port Mulgrave for a few weeks before the close of the summer.

The chief purpose of this meeting was the ordination and induction of Mr. Ferry to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Glenelg, East River and Caledonia. Though the day was unfavorable, the large church was filled with those connected with the congregations, and interested friends from neighboring congregations. The Moderator conducted public worship, and preached from Jeremiah xxiii: 29, "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" Thereafter by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, Mr. Ferry was ordained to the office of the ministry, and inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation. In the absence of Mr. Forbes, who was hindered by indisposition from being present, and from fulfilling his appointment, Mr. McCurdy addressed the minister: after which their former pastor, Mr. R. Cumming, addressed the people.

At the close of the services, the members of the congregation gave their pastor a cordial welcome in the usual way, and the managers paid him his first quarter's salary in advance.

Mr. Ferry enters upon his work as pastor of this congregation with the most cheering prospects. His field of labor is wide, and will, no doubt be toilsome, but he will be cheered by the knowledge that he has been the unanimous choice of the people, that he is the successor of worthy men who have left traces of their work in every direction throughout the community, and who always enjoyed the affection of their people, and rejoiced in their co-operation in every good work. The congregation has a large membership, indeed the largest in the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, with a communion roll of 426. It has a good staff of elders. The churches within its bounds are all good, some of them quite new, and most of them free from debt.

There is indeed still a debt upon the church at Glenelg, but the congregation manifested a disposition to try to remove it at once, so that their hands may be free to proceed with building a manse, which they purpose doing as soon as possible. Mr. Ferry himself has had considerable experience in mission work, and it is confidently anticipated that with the Divine blessing, the relation which has just been formed between him and the congregation will be productive of the happiest issues.

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The Dayspring visited New Zealand on her last trip to Sydney in order that the Sabbath School children might have an opportunity of seeing her. At Otago a meeting was held attended by 3,500 people. Among the speakers was a Lieutenant Louny who had spent two years in the South Sea Islands and had met with a great deal of kindness from the missionaries. He told the audience people could walk about in perfect safety because it was a Christian settlement. He thought the children had contributed well towards mission in the past and hoped they would do more in future, so that the knowledge of the Saviour might be spread into the darkest regions of the earth.

Among the one hundred and fifty Roman Catholics who have been united with the Presbyterian church in Valparaíso, South America, about one-third have said that the turning-point in their religious experience took place while witnessing the celebration of the Lord's Supper.