

advance in this department of the Church's work.

Reports on Temperance from the Sessions of Dalhousie and Campbellton were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Presbyterial certificates of recent evangelistic work within the bounds were given to the Rev. W. C. Bryden and Mr. James Dow.

The report of the Presbytery Fund was audited. Balance in hand \$5.97.

The subject of Sabbath observance was taken up, and earnest attention given to threatened encroachments on the sanctity of the day by railway traffic and otherwise. On motion of Mr. Herdman the following was unanimously agreed to:

"That the Presbytery of Miramichi learn with great regret that an immense amount of Sabbath work has, during the past year, been carried on along the Northern division of the Intercolonial Railway, so much so as to give rise to the fear that, practically, the Sabbath is taken away from a large number of our people. We therefore appoint Sabbath the 10th of May as a day on which we desire the Ministers of our Presbytery to preach to their congregations upon this subject and we invite also the co-operation of all other Christian denominations in a united effort to work up public sentiment against this evil."

Catechists were appointed to supply the various mission stations for the ensuing summer.

Next meeting to take place in the town of Dalhousie on the second Tuesday of July.

Mr. Herdman, who has been appointed to the important field of Calgary, N. W. T., tendered his resignation of his charge of Campbellton. This announcement, which took the Presbytery by surprise, elicited the expression of general sincere regret. Mr. Herdman, who has laboured within the bounds for the last seven years, has made himself very dear as a friend to all his co-presbyters, and won universal esteem.

JOHN MCCARTER, *Clerk*.

THE PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY.

This Presbytery met on the 18th March, at Sydney Mines—present 7 ministers and 6 elders. The following resolution was passed:

Mr. McMillan reported for the Committee appointed to visit Boularderie in the interests of the Augmentation Scheme, that additional subscriptions are being made to the stipend of the pastor. Mr. Murray, for a similar committee reported

that new subscription lists have been opened in Gabarus.

It was agreed to ask the Home Mission Board for the services of Mr. J. W. McLellan for Mira, Mr. R. McLeod for Loch Lomond and Framboise, and a Gaelic-speaking probationer for Cow Bay, for the coming Summer.

The report on the State of Religion within the bounds was read by Mr. Farquharson, and was followed by an interesting discussion of the subject.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by the convenor. Mr. J. Murray, which was followed by a discussion of the whole Temperance question and the best methods for its promotion.

Presbytery took up the remits of Assembly of recent marriage with a deceased wife's sister, and resolved unanimously in favor of abiding by the teaching of the Church as heretofore understood and interpreted in the Confession of Faith.

Mr. Gordon resigned the Clerkship of Presbytery, and Mr. Farquharson was appointed to that office.

Mr. Gordon demitted his charge at Grand River.

The following were appointed commissioners to the next General Assembly: Messrs A. Farquharson, Dr. Murray, G. L. Gordon, with James Forbes alternate, ministers; Messrs. F. Falconer, D. McLellan and D. McKay, elders.

Mr. Murray gave notice of motion of the re-arrangement of the Presbyteries of this Island. The next meeting was appointed to be in St. Andrew's Church, Sydney, on the last Wednesday of May, at 11 o'clock.

TRURO PRESBYTERY.

Ten ministers and six elders were present at the meeting on Tuesday April 14th.

Intimation was received from the Home Mission Board that the four Catechists applied for by the Presbytery had been appointed. It was agreed that Mr. Genory McQuinn should labour at Maccan, Mr. Andrew Hamilton at Harmony, and that the Rev. J. A. Logan and the clerk should confer concerning the appointment of Messrs. J. W. McLellan and Henry Dickie to Westchester and North River.

A petition was received from the first Presbyterian congregation, Truro, asking authority to moderate in a call to a minister to be colleague and successor to their present pastor—Dr. McCulloch—who, after forty-six years of active la-