

Resolutions passed by the Saltsprings congregation, expressive of their appreciation of his services, their desire to retain him, and to increase his stipend.

Mr. McMillan then stated, that, in view of the present critical state of the Church in Pictou Co., of the appreciation of his humble services by his own congregation, of the many proofs of sympathy, attachment and affection they have shown him, and of their hearty coöperation with him,—while deeply sympathizing with the congregations of Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George,—he considers it his duty at present to decline their call.

Committee Minutes.

Home Mission Board.

The Home Mission Board met in the Manse at Fredericton, on the 13th Jan'y., 1875, and was constituted with prayer by the Convener. Sederunt, Rev. G. M. Grant, Convener, and Rev. Messrs. McRae, Cameron, and Wilson. Dr. Brooke and Messrs. Anderson and Begg, being present, they were asked to sit and deliberate—Mr. Begg to act as Secretary, *pro tem*.

The supplements for the half year ending the 1st of February, 1875, were then taken up. It was moved and agreed to that the application from Miramichi be granted, viz.: \$100 for Tabusintac and Burnt Church, and \$50 for Black River and Red Bank. The following amounts were voted for Pictou:—Pugwash, \$45; Wallace, \$65; Barney's River, \$125; McLellan's Mountain, \$30; River John, \$40; Mr. Angus Docherty, Catechist, Cape Breton, \$33. Amounts granted to St. John: \$195 for Woodstock and Northampton, and \$110 for Nashwaak and Stanley.

Mr. Cameron next brought up the case of Mr. Caruthers, Catechist, sent out by the Colonial Committee, and who was to receive from the Committee twenty pounds for the current year. The amount was ordered to be put in the present list of grants. The Convener mentioned the case of Mr. Stewart, another Catechist sent out by the Committee, and now studying in Pictou Academy. It was ordered that Mr. Stewart be sent to Cape Breton as Catechist for the Summer, and that the Convener be requested to advertise in the *Record*, asking places in need of Catechists to apply—authorizing Convener to make the best arrangements he can.

On the subject of the Professor in the Theological Hall, the convener submitted

the correspondence between himself, Mr. Pollok, and the Colonial Committee; whereupon the Board expressed their very great regret that Mr. Pollok had finally concluded, from family reasons, to decline accepting the office. They leave it with the Convener to correspond with Mr. Pollok in such terms expressive of their regret, and also explanatory of the present position of the Board, as may seem to him best; and meanwhile, believing that the Rev. Dr. Bell, of Walkerton, Ont., would be eminently suited for the position of Professor of Church History and Apologetics, authorise the Convener to correspond with him with a view to ascertaining his mind on the subject, and to bring his name in this connection before the Colonial Committee, with the hope that Dr. Bell may be enabled to give even a partial course of lectures during the current session of the Hall.

An extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of St. John on the subject of raising stipends to minimum of a thousand dollars, was submitted to the Board; whereupon it was resolved that Rev. Messrs. McRae and Cameron be a Committee to prepare a circular to congregations on the subject, explanatory of the views of the Board.

In case of missionaries coming out, the Convener was authorised to send them to vacant congregations most requiring them.

W. P. BEGG, *Sec'y., pro tem.*

News of the Church.

Nova Scotia.

On Friday evening, January 15th, a deputation of the ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, made a surprise call at the Manse, presenting Mrs. Herdman, on behalf of the ladies and others of the congregation, with a seal-skin jacket, and other valuable gifts. This practical mode of expressing the esteem and affection in which the pastor's wife is held by the congregation must certainly be a source of mutual gratification. Long may this endearing attachment continue, and bear happy fruits for time and eternity.

THE Saltsprings congregation, as we stated in last number, have raised their pastor's stipend to \$840. Last April it was raised from \$640 to \$720, and now another progressive step has been taken. Had Mr. McMillan accepted of the call offered him at last meeting of Presbytery,