

of Presbytery, to be called at the meeting of Synod, appointed to be held at New Glasgow, on the third Wednesday of October (21st), at ten o'clock, a.m., to consider the same; and that the congregation be instructed then to present, (1) definite statements regarding the amount of stipend which the congregation would be able to contribute towards the support of the pastor, and (2) a distinct expression of opinion anent the demission of Mr. Salmon of the pastoral charge of the congregation.

All matters in reference to Home Mission work were remitted to the Home Mission Committee for consideration.

The consideration of two motions, of which notice had been previously given, was deferred until the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, which it was agreed should be held on the first Tuesday of December at eleven o'clock, a.m., in St. David's Church, St. John.

The Presbytery then adjourned, and the meeting was closed with prayer.

Presbytery of Pictou

The Presbytery of Pictou met in James Church, on the 18th ult., New Glasgow, and was constituted by the Rev. A. McL. Sinclair, Moderator.

The Basis of Union and the resolutions connected therewith as sent down by Synod were all passed. Committees were appointed to carry out the deliverance of Synod on Systematic Beneficence, by bringing the subject before Sessions and managers and congregations if necessary.

The Revs. A. McL. Sinclair and Robert Cumming, and Mr. Hugh Ross, were appointed for Earltown and Scotsburn congregations.

The Revs. George Walker and James Thomson, and Dr. Murray for the congregations of Pictou town.

The Revs. Dr. Bayne and John Lees, and Mr. John Miller, for the congregations of West River, Central Church and Green Hill.

The Revs. George Patterson and Wm. Maxwell, and Mr. Daniel McDonald for the congregations of Westville, Hopewell, Stellarton and East Branch, East River.

The Revs. E. A. McCurdy and D. B. Blair, and Mr. John Angus McDonald for the congregations of Glenely, Sherbrooke, Lochaber and Antigonish.

The Revs. Thos. Cumming and Alex. Ross, and Alexander Grant, for the congregations of Blue Mountain, French River, Merigomish and Little Harbor.

The Revs. John McKinnon and Peter Goodfellow, and John Miller, for the congregations of New Glasgow.

The first named person in each of the above Committees to be convener.

The Presbytery expects the committees to enter upon their work as soon as convenient and hopes that all their reports shall be given in before the 1st of March.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of Presbytery on Tuesday the 22nd inst., in John Knox's Church, New Glasgow, at 11 a.m., for ordinary business.

JOHN MCKINNON, *Clerk*.

Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond

At a meeting of this Court held at Lako Ainslie, Sept. 4th, Mr. Thomson, Preacher of the Gospel, having received a unanimous call from the Presbyterian Congregation, Mabou, and accepted it, his trial discourses prescribed at a meeting were heard, which consisted of a popular sermon from John i. 12—13; Lecture, Romans viii. 1—4; Exercise and addition, Heb. vi. 4—9; he was examined in Hebrew, Psalms i. ii., Is. 4iii.; in Theology, atonement, and in Church History, 1st and 2nd centuries, A. D. The Presbytery having taken a conjunct view of these trials, sustained them as highly satisfactory.

This Court met again on the 8th inst., in the Presbyterian Church, Mabou, at which Mr. Thomson, according to appointment, was regularly ordained to the office of the Holy ministry and inducted into the pastoral charge of said congregation. On the occasion, the preliminary steps being attended to, as directed by the rules of the Church, an appropriate discourse was delivered by Rev. A. Grant, to an attentive congregation; the steps taken in reference to the call were narrated by Rev. M. Stewart, who had been interim Moderator of the Session since the death of their former Pastor, Rev. Wm. Sinclair, the questions of the formula were put by Rev. K. McKenzie, to which satisfactory answers were returned by Mr. Thomson; the congregation also cordially responded to the questions put to them, promising to adhere to their call and in terms thereof to sustain their minister. Mr. Stewart, as Moderator, led in solemn prayer, and after the usual laying on of the hands of Presbytery, Mr. Thomson received the right hand of fellowship, the Moderator addressed the minister on his responsibilities, duties and privileges in well digested remarks, and the Clerk, the Congregation. In the accustomed way, Mr. Thomson received from the people of his newly assumed charge as they retired from the hall of the Church, a very cordial welcome. Thereafter, Mr. Stewart having constituted the Session, formally introduced Mr. Thomson to them. His name being added to the Roll, the Pres-