

is requested that the brethren send their list of subscribers to the Clerk, previous to that date. The Rev. Mr. Ross was added to the publication committee. The Clerk was instructed to wait upon the Directors of the Steamboat Company, and request the favor of return tickets for the brethren who purpose attending the meeting of Synod.

Mr. James Sinclair, probationer, was appointed to preach in the Free Church, Charlottetown, on Sabbath first, and declare the congregation vacant; in Murray Harbour, on the two following Sabbaths, and in the Free Church, Charlottetown, on the fourth Sabbath of June. Adjourned to meet in Summerside on Tuesday, the 18th June, at 11 o'clock.

ALEX. FALCONER, *Pres. Clerk.*

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in James' Church, New Glasgow, on the 20th inst., for the visitation of the congregation, and was constituted by the Rev. D. B. Blair, moderator *pro tem.*, with whom were present the Revs. D. Roy, John Stewart, George Walker, Dr. Bayne, Geo. Patterson, James Thompson, Geo. Roddick, John McKinnon, K. J. Grant, J. A. F. Sutherland, A. T. Mowatt, A. McL. Sinclair, and J. B. Watt, ministers, and Messrs. James McArthur, Donald Ross, Jno. McKay and Jas. McKay, ruling elders. Mr. J. D. Murray preached a Lecture from Romans v. 12-19, as part trials for License. The Presbytery then proceeded with the visitation. The questions of the Formula were then put to the Minister, Elders and Managers, and satisfactorily answered.—The minister faithfully and diligently performs the duty of his office. Though thirty-seven years the pastor of the congregation, "his bow still abides in strength," and he is as capable as ever of performing the work of the ministry. He visits the whole congregation once in two years, and holds diets of examination in all its sections on alternate years. He attends prayer meetings, sabbath schools, preaches to the young, meets with the sabbath school teacher for conference and prayer, and preaches on the first Sabbath of every month a third sermon. No pastor could be more faithful and attentive to the interests of his people than he is, and none perhaps more beloved than he is by his congregation. His elders are a band of faithful, pious and intelligent men, who nobly assist and sustain him in his work. They watch over the congregation, conduct prayer-meetings, teach in Sabbath Schools, visit the sick, and meet as a session once a quarter for conference and prayer. Considerable attention is paid to Sabbath School teaching.—There are 17 teachers,

130 pupils, and 400 volumes in the S. S. Library. The financial affairs of the congregation are also in a very healthy condition. The minister's stipend is punctually paid. During the past year it contributed as follows to religious purposes, F. M. \$208, Synod Fund \$19, Ministerial Education \$19, for congregational purposes \$724, and for general purposes \$153. Making in all \$1,173, averaging nearly \$8 per family. This is the old historical congregation of the late venerated Dr. McGregor, and the during its present minister's pastorate it has once suffered a disruption, and in consequence of the erection of new congregations both in the country and at the Albion Mines, thrown off a large number of families to assist in the formation of these, it is still a large and influential congregation, and contributing as much as ever it did to the schemes of the Church and to religious purposes in general. The Presbytery considered the stipend far too small, which was unhesitatingly admitted by the managers; and that while its contributions to the Foreign Mission was large and very respectable, its contributions to the H. M. and ministerial education were not proportionate to the relative importance of these schemes. The attendance of the congregation was not so large as it should be, but this was explained to be owing to the busy season of the year and the fineness of the day. The visitation was then closed by the following deliverance, viz :—

That while the Presbytery expresses itself in general terms as well satisfied with the state of the congregation, it would however recommend that the stipend be raised to a sum sufficient to support a minister comfortably without any reference to his own private resources; that the sums contributed to the schemes of the church be somewhat more proportionate, and that since it is in accordance with its pastor's desires, steps be taken as soon as convenient to provide him with an assistant, and that the Rev. Mr. Mackinnon be appointed to exchange a Sabbath with him and bring this decision before the congregation.

The Presbytery met at 7 p. m., in Primitive Church for visitation, was constituted by the Rev. D. B. Blair, mod. *pro tem.*, and after sermon by Mr. J. D. Murray from Romans i. 16, as part trials for License, proceeded with the visitation. The questions of the Formula were put in the usual manner to the Minister, Session and Managers, and satisfactorily answered. The minister preaches the gospel faithfully, very diligently visits his congregation from house to house every year, takes a deep interest in the young, superintends the Sabbath School, holds Bible classes and meets with the Sabbath School teachers once a fortnight to consider the Sabbath School les-