

Brae. His ordination was appointed to take place on 31st Oct., at 11 o'clock, a. m., in the church at West Cape. Rev. N. McKay was appointed to preside and preach the ordination sermon, Mr. McMillan to address the minister, and Mr. Carr to address the congregation. Mr. Fraser was appointed to preach and serve the edict in the congregation on 15th Oct.

In accepting the call to West Cape, in preference to that from Cardigan and Dundas, or from Woodville and Little Sands, Mr. McLeod stated that he was guided principally by regard to his health, which had for some time been delicate. The calls from these two congregations were accordingly set aside. The Presbytery agreed to record their sympathy with these congregations in their disappointment and the earnest hope that they may soon secure the services of settled pastors.

Rev Charles McLean was appointed to preach in Bedeque on the 1st Sabbath in October; Rev. Charles Fraser on the 2nd Sabbath at 11 o'clock; Rev. N. McKay, on the 3rd Sabbath at 3 o'clock; and Mr. McMillan on the 5th at 3 o'clock.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at West Cape, on the 30th October, at 6.30 to hear Mr. A. B. McLeod's ordination trials.

#### Presbytery of Lunenburg and Shelburne.

This Presbytery met at Riversdale on Oct. 16th, and after public worship and sermon by Mr. Millar, proceeded to enquire into the present state and future prospects of the congregation. They were gratified to find the people much more hopeful than they have been for the last three or four years. Rev. J. W. Nelson has been supplying them all summer, and are promptly paying what they promised. They are anxious to have continued and regular supply and promised to raise a definite sum for one year from the date at which an appointment may be made.— Last Sabbath the "Lord's Supper" was dispensed to a goodly number by Messrs. Cameron and Nelson.

Riversdale congregation is now fairly beginning to recover from the deep and long-continued depression, and prospects of steady advancement are getting brighter. The next meeting was appointed to be held at Bridgewater, on Tuesday, 14th Nov., at 2 P. M. for Presbyterial visitation, when there will be public worship and preaching.

#### Presbytery of Sydney.

This presbytery met at North Sydney on the 18th of Oct. Present: eight ministers and five elders.

Rev. D. McDougall of West Bay, being present was asked to correspond.

The presbytery proceeded with the consideration of the application of the Rev. Jas. Scott (late of the Methodist Church) to be received as a minister of this church. After deliberation it was agreed that in order to give further time for a reply from certain parties, the application lie on the table until next meeting; and that the Clerk and Messrs. McMillan Murray and McLellan be a committee to consider the whole matter and bring in a report in the form of a resolution.

Rev. A. Farquarson reported the fulfilment of his appointment as the presbytery's delegate to visit Cape North.

Mr. Sutherland handed in a report of collections for his manse made under authority of Presbytery.

Mr. Murray gave notice of motion on the subject of temperance.

Presbytery expressed sympathy with Dr. McLeod in his protracted illness, and with the congregation, and its gratification that he is now able in some measure to attend to his work. The following committees were appointed to draw up reports for Presbytery on the subjects assigned to them: *State of Religion*, A. Farquarson, D. Drummond, D. McLellan, Esq.; *Temperance*, J. Murray, J. McGillivray; *Sabbath Schools*, D. McMillan, J. A. Forbes, R. Gentle; *Statistics*, the Clerk, G. Sinclair, D. McKay, Esq.

Adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's, Sydney, on the last Wednesday of January at 11 a. m.

#### Presbytery of Pictou.

This Presbytery met in New Glasgow on the 7th inst.

A petition from a number of parties belonging to the late Central Church at West River, asking to be organized into a section in connection with the congregation of Scotsburn and Saltsprings was very fully considered, and laid over until next meeting, to be finally issued.

Read a very full and interesting report from Mr. Lord, catechist, of his summers work at Country Harbor, Isaac Harbor, and Wine Harbor, which was received and very cordially approved. We hope to give a fuller notice of it.

Pictou Ladies College was very warm-