

season had been a pleasant one in the island, there being no destructive hurricanes. Our old servant "N-pling" is reported dying. No other prominent persons on our side reported dead or ill. Two French trading vessels were seized by a French man-of-war, for piracy in the islands. One Captain is now in jail, and the other has fled to the bush on Efate. They had killed several natives. Two men named Hutten and Springfield, making copra on Mallicoula, had each blown his right hand off with dynamite while fishing with it. The Rev. W. B. Murray, late missionary in Ambrym is reported sinking rapidly and suffering much, probably dead by this time.

I am, yours,

JOS. ANNAND.

Rev. W. Hamilton has accepted the call to Richibucto, the induction to take place on the 27th inst.

The congregation of Bass River, N. B. has called Rev. J. A. McLean.

Rev. A. McDougall, of Greenock Church, St. Andrew's, N. B., has accepted a call to Caltin Church, St. John.

Rev. J. C. Quinn, late of Bathurst, goes to labor in the North West.

#### NOTICE TO MINISTERS.

The resignation of Rev. J. W. McLeod of Princetown, Trinidad, from ill health having been accepted, the service of an ordained Minister or Probationer are wanted to fill this place. Applications should specify age and be accompanied by a medical certificate of physical fitness, either from Dr. Murray, New Glasgow, or Dr. Dodge, Halifax. Where the applicant is distant from the Board's Examiners, a certificate will be required from a medical practitioner of known standing. Salary £300 stg. with manse. This missionary will be expected to leave on or about December 1st. Applications to be sent to

P. G. McGREGOR, Secy.

There are four mission stations within the bounds of the Halifax Presbytery viz., Digby, Bridgetown, Mount Uniacke and North West Arm. They are now to be placed under the care of a member of Presbytery who will exercise oversight and dispense sealing ordinances. This is a step in the right direction.

At the recently discovered Gold Diggings, Rawdon, 80 men are now employed. They are chiefly from Antigonish and Cape Breton. The Diggings are in close proximity to the Gore congregation regular supply is given by Rev. Adam Gunn.

#### PICTON PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at New Glasgow on the 28th inst.

The Presbytery sustained a most unanimous and hearty call from Knox Church to Mr. George S. Carson, and agreed to transmit it to him, with the request that he would give an answer as speedily as possible. Trials for ordination were prescribed in the event of his acceptance.

Considerable time was spent in the consideration of proposals for reconstruction of congregations on the Western side of the County. Commissioners were present from Green Hill, West River, Hermon, Scotsburn and Salt Springs, when, in accordance with resolutions adopted by the various congregations and sections of congregations interested, it was agreed to separate Hermon from the United Congregation West River with a view to union with Scotsburn and Salt Springs, and to unite Green Hill and that part of the United Congregations West River located at West River and in its vicinity, the union to take effect immediately, and the Congregations thus formed to be known in the meantime as the congregations of West River and Green Hill, the Sessions of the two congregations, with the exception of the Elders residing at Hermon to be the Session of the new congregation, with Mr. R. Cumming as Interim Moderator.

As the proposed conditions of union between Scotsburn, Hermon and Salt Springs had not been fully considered by the people of those places, it was agreed to allow this matter to lie on the table in order to give them time to complete their action, and that in the meantime they be supplied as one congregation with the understanding that as a rule the services are to be held at Scotsburn on two successive Sabbaths in the morning and at Salt Springs in the evening, on the third Sabbath at Salt Springs in the morning and at Scotsburn in the evening, and at Hermon on the afternoon of every Sabbath.

Mr. McLean reported an interesting visit which he made to Fifteen Mile Stream, showing that he had preached there at a recent Sabbath to a good audience, and that a number of persons in that place had manifested their desire for service by a subscription to pay for supply amounting to between \$30.00 and \$40.00. It was agreed that Committee on Supply endeavor to secure an occasional service for the people at that place.

E. A. McCURDY, Pres. Clerk.