

PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

Thirteen ministers and seven Elders were present at the meeting of the Presbytery of Truro on Tuesday Jan. 28th.

Dr. McCulloch reported that Dr. Bruce was seriously ill with pleurisy—and would be unfit for work for a considerable period. Fortnightly supply was provided for the congregation during February and March.

From thirteen congregations reports were received that the amounts allotted to them for the Augmentation Fund had either been collected and paid or would be paid in a short time. It is also expected that the remaining congregations will be able to raise the sum assigned to them and thus the whole amount asked of the Presbytery obtained.

Rev. J. McGillivray and Thomas Cumming with J. K. Blair Esq., were appointed a committee to prepare questions for the sessions of Presbytery on the state of religion, the answer to which will form a basis for a report to the Synod and General Assembly.

Rev. J. A. Logan and Alex Cameron with Messrs. Reuben Starrit and John Bond were appointed a committee on Temperance.

Considerable time was occupied in considering the remittant the printing of Assembly Minutes and the fifth recommendation of the committee for aged and infirm ministers (Western Section) without, however any definite decision being arrived at.

It was resolved to defer the consideration of the remit on marriage within prohibited degrees until the next regular meeting in Truro.

The meeting of Presbytery will be held at Brookfield on March 3rd, where the Presbytery will meet at 11 a. m., for ordinary business, at 2.30 p. m., for a conference on Sabbath Schools and at 6.30 p. m for public addresses on Sabbath schools.

J. H. CHASE, *Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

This Presbytery met at Chatham, on Tuesday, the 13th January.

A favorable report was presented by Mr. Aitkin of the Presbyterial Fund for payments of delegates to the General Assembly, and Mr. Russell was appointed treasurer for the current year.

Delegates to the next Assembly were elected as follows: Ministers Messrs. J. Quinn, F. W. George, A. Russel, and T. G. Johnstone. Elders—R. Busted, of

Campbellton, and Geo. Haddow, Dalhousie.

The Augmentation Scheme was considered. Responses were reported so far as known. It was agreed that in consequence of the responses from several of the congregations being unsatisfactory, a deputation from the Synod's Augmentation Committee be asked to visit this Presbytery, and the names of the Rev. E. A. McCurdy, R. Laing, and G. Bruce were suggested.

It was agreed to transmit an overture to next Assembly, brought forward by Mr. Russell, to the effect that the sitting posture during public prayer be discouraged, and in lieu of it, standing or else kneeling be recommended.

It was agreed unanimously that the clerkship of this Presbytery be an annual appointment, and that a re-election to this office take place at the next meeting.

A satisfactory report was read regarding the work of Mr. E. S. Burgess as catechists in the mission fields of the Presbytery.

On the proposal of Mr. Russell the Presbytery agreed to the following motion to which the attention of the various session is requested;

"In connection with the circular which the Presbytery sent to the several sessions at last meeting regarding the employment of elders in evangelistic efforts, the Presbytery would earnestly recommend to the elders in our various congregations on no account to leave the church unopened on Sabbath, but in case the pastor be necessarily absent, and no one present to take his place, to gather the people together and hold service once at least on the Lord's day."

Mr. Waits was instructed to arrange for a service every Thursday evening at Weldford so long as the congregation of which it forms a part is vacant.—The reports of the last Assembly were considered.

The next meeting is to be held at Newcastle on the 7th of April at 11 a. m.

JOHN MCCARTER, *Clerk.*

PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Pictou held an adjourned meeting at New Glasgow on the 27th Jan.

The congregation of the Vale Colliery and Sutherland's River appeared by Commissioners to petition the Presbytery to moderate in a call to Mr. A. W. McLeod of West River. This petition was granted, and Mr. McCurdy was ap-