

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Fredericton on the fourth Wednesday of January, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax met in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, on 19th inst.

Rev. Mr. Falconer reported that he had preached and moderated in a call from Chalmers Church to Rev. Charles B. Pitblado, of St. Mary's,—that the call was cordial and harmonious—that it was signed by 135 communicants and 106 adherents, and that they guarantee a salary of \$1200 per annum.—Reasons for Mr. Pitblado's translation to Chalmers Church were laid on the table; also a commission appointing Messrs. Robert Boak, Robert Murray, and J. C. Mackintosh to prosecute the call before Presbytery. On motion it was agreed to sustain the call, direct the clerk to transmit it and the papers connected with it to the clerk of the Pictou Presbytery, and appoint Rev. John Cameron to support the call before said Presbytery.

Rev. Mr. Henry reported that he had moderated in a call to Mr. Samuel Archibald, in the congregation of Shelburne, that the call was very harmonious, that it was signed by 54 communicants and 50 adherents, and that the subscriptions for salary amounted to \$570.50. Presbytery agreed to sustain this call and proceed with it according to the rules of the Church.

The Clerk was instructed to lay on the table of Presbytery at its next meeting a list of those congregations which have not contributed to the Synod Fund.

Kirk Sessions, Boards of Managers, and Deacons' courts are requested to submit their financial and other records to the next meeting of Presbytery for examination. The congregations of Harbor Grace and St. John's, Newfoundland, and Bermuda are excepted on account of their distance. With these three congregations the clerk was directed to correspond on this matter.

The following committee, viz: Messrs. McCurdy, Falconer, Annand, and McGregor was appointed to take into consideration the subject of conference and devotional exercises in connection with the Presbytery and report at next meeting.

The next meeting was appointed to be held in the Presbyterian Church, Windsor, on 2nd March at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in John Knox's Church, New Glasgow, on the 21st December.

The Foreign Mission Board addressed a call to the Rev. K. J. Grant to labor as a missionary among the Coolies in Trinidad, which was sustained, and the Rev. Dr.

Bayne appointed to exchange with him on the following Sabbath to notify the congregation of this call, and summon them to appear for their interest by commissioners at the next meeting of Presbytery.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Home Mission Board, appointing the Rev. T. Cumming to this Presbytery for 3 months, and the Rev. William Stewart from the date of his arrival to the end of February, and recalling Mr. Burgess at the end of the month.

Messrs. John Miller and George Underwood appeared as commissioners from James Church, New Glasgow, requesting that the Rev. Thos. Cumming be appointed to their congregation for 6 months, to assist their minister, the Rev. Dr. Roy—whereupon the Presbytery agreed to appoint him until their next meeting.

It was agreed to request the Home Mission Board to appoint the Rev. Mr. Stirling to this Presbytery as soon as possible, with a view of laboring in John Knox's Congregation, New Glasgow.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in James Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, January 25, at 11 A.M., for ordinary business.

Ordination of Mr. A. B. Dickie.

On Wednesday the 22nd December, the Presbytery of Halifax met in the Presbyterian Church, Sheet Harbor. The principal business of the day was the ordination and induction of Mr. Dickie as pastor of the congregation of Sheet Harbor and its adjacencies. In consequence of the distance few members of the Presbytery were present. Wednesday morning, however, found five of us gathered together; and after constituting, the Presbytery proceeded to the ordination services. On reaching the little church—which by the way is too small for the congregation, and which we are glad to hear is soon to be replaced by another and a larger one—we found it full of devout worshippers, all of whom were deeply interested in the services of the day. Many of them had never witnessed an ordination, and you may be sure they watched with interest all that was done, and listened with attention to all that was said.

Rev. E. Grant preached from Acts xvi: 17; after which the Moderator, Rev. E. A. McCurdy, informed the congregation that he held in his hand a letter from their late pastor, the Rev. James Waddell, which the Presbytery agreed should be read at this stage of the proceedings. The congregation was pleased to hear from their old and esteemed pastor, and the more because on leaving them he had not in consequence of indisposition, been able to bid them farewell in the usual manner. The letter was