

the elder heads of the town had done. He deemed the statement most improbable, that the other slaves had mangled the criminals in such a shocking manner of their own accord. "How should slaves do such things out of their own

heads," said he, "when they know themselves to be slaves?" If the elder people of Ambo Town had not so ordered the business, the younger must have done so out of revenge.

H. M. WADDELL.

## News of the Church.

### PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in James' Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, 28th ult., for the Presbyterial visitation of the congregation. The questions of the formula were put to the minister and other office-bearers, and the replies were in general highly satisfactory, and elicited commendations from the members of Presbytery. At the afternoon sederunt, Mr J. W. Matheson, preacher of the gospel, who had been accepted as a Foreign Missionary, gave in his trials for examination. These were a lecture on Romans x. 12-15, a sermon on Exodus xxxiii. 14; an exercise with additions on Heb. ix. 15; the 1st century of Church History; the 23d Psalm in Hebrew; and the New Testament *ad apertenam libic* in Greek. All these were approved of by the Presbytery, and his ordination appointed to take place in Prince Street Church, Pictou, on the 12th November.

The Presbytery again met in Prince Street Church, Pictou, for the ordination of Mr Matheson. The services of the day were commenced by the Rev James Watson, who preached from Romans i. 15—"So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you which are at Rome also." After the narration of the steps taken, the questions of the formula were put to Mr Matheson, which being satisfactorily answered he was by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery solemnly set apart to the office of a Missionary to the heathen, the Rev George Walker leading the devotions of the Presbytery. The Rev James Bayne then delivered a charge to the newly ordained missionary, and the Rev A. P. Miller addressed the congregation. The Rev David Roy offered the concluding prayer and the Rev A. McGilvray pronounced the benediction.—The services of the day were solemn and interesting throughout. We had hoped

in our present number to give an outline of the addresses, but hope to give them in full in our next.

Last month (Nov.) a handsome time-piece was presented to Rev Mr Watson's congregation, West River, by Mr James Roddick of Mill Village.

### Notices, Acknowledgments, &c

The Presbytery of Halifax will meet at Windsor on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 11 o'clock.

The Presbytery of Pictou will meet in Salem Church, Green Hill, on Tuesday, 13th January next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Board of Home Missions will meet at Green Hill on Thursday, 1st January, at 4 o'clock.

Ministers are requested to take notice of the appointment of Synod that they should preach on the subject of Total Abstinence on the last Sabbath of this month, or as near that day as convenient.

Monies received by the Treasurer from 20th October to 20th November, 1856.

<i>Foreign Mission.</i>	
Nov 8.—Mr James Dawson, for	
Rev J. Geddie	£1 0 0
Mr Gordon	1 0 0
Mr Matheson	1 0 0
Mrs Captain Foote,	5 0
A Friend to Missions,	
Forks, Middle River	10 0
<i>Missionary Schooner "John Knox."</i>	
Master Jas. A. G. Campbell, Tatamagouche	5 0
Sab. School, Baltic	18 4
" Pond. Lot 18, PEL.	6 8
<i>Home Mission.</i>	
13—Merigomish	1 13 7½
Collection, Digby	10 6
Mr Thomas McCulloch	10 0
15.—Evangelical Socy., Fish Pools	2 0 0
A Friend to Missions,	
Forks, Middle River	10 0

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