

dying sayings of our friends, and we regret that we have taken so little note of their counsels. Let it be in the same spirit that you attend upon the ministrations of your aged and venerable pastor. Be admonished that life is short, that time is on the wing, and, if you do not now improve your privileges, you will have a fearful responsibility. He trusted that many hearts were evidently impressed with what they had seen and heard to-day, and, if they cherish such impressions, they will have reason hereafter to feel "it is good to be here."

He concluded by congratulating the congregation and Dr Keir on what they saw to-day, and expressed the hope that he might yet be spared for years to labor in the Church below.

After several votes of thanks, and singing the Doxology, the congregation was dismissed with the Apostolic benediction, and the vast crowds quietly separated, all seemingly gratified at what they had witnessed.

#### PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at River John on Tuesday, 13th July, after sermon by the Rev George Roddick.—The Presbytery entered into a full examination of the state of the congregation, particularly as to its financial affairs, and afterward resolved that, although nothing had been adduced affecting Mr Waddell's moral and ministerial character, yet, considering the past and present state of the congregation, the Presbytery feel constrained to advise Mr Waddell to tender his demission of his charge.—Mr Waddell accordingly laid his demission upon the table of Presbytery, and the Rev James Byers was appointed to exchange with Mr Waddell and intimate this fact to the congregation.

Rev J. Watson, being present, asked till next meeting of Presbytery to give in his decision on the call from Baddeck.

The Rev James Bayne was appointed to supply Charlottetown after Rev G. Patterson, and Rev G. Roddick to assist Mr McCurdy with the Sacrament at Miramichi, and to supply Charlottetown two Sabbaths on his return. Supply was also appointed for the congregations of Mabou, Baddeck, New Annan and West Branch.

The Presbytery again met at New

Glasgow on the 11th August. Took up Mr Waddell's demission now lying on the Presbytery's table. Mr John Henry appeared as commissioner from the congregation of River John, who laid upon the table of Presbytery a resolution passed by the congregation, to endeavour to secure a portion of Mr Waddell's services, and a subscription list for that purpose. After mature deliberation, the Presbytery resolved to accept Mr Waddell's demission, and dissolve the pastoral relation between him and the congregation of River John. The Rev George Walker was appointed to preach at River John on the 4th Sabbath of August and announce the vacancy. He was also instructed to take steps for the payment of arrears due by the congregation to Mr Waddell, and the Presbytery agreed to give gratuitous supply for a time to enable them to settle up these arrears.

Mr Watson intimated his declinature of the call from the congregation of Baddeck, and it was accordingly set aside.

The Rev James Thomson was appointed to supply Dr Keir's pulpit for three Sabbaths during the month of September.

Mr McKinnon, preacher, being at the disposal of this Presbytery after the end of August, the Presbytery agreed, on application of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, to send him to Charlottetown during the month of September, and it was agreed to meet at Pictou on Wednesday, 1st September, to receive his trials for ordination.

Mr Alexander Falconer, Student of Philosophy, appeared before the Presbytery seeking admission to the Hall, he having been prevented from attending the third term of his course, by the change in the arrangement as to the time of the classes of the Seminary.—The Presbytery agreed to examine him on the branches he has studied, and, if satisfied with his attainments, to admit him to the Hall, subject to the approval of Synod, with the understanding that he yet attend the Philosophical classes two sessions. He was accordingly examined in Latin, Greek, Logic and Moral Philosophy, and, the Presbytery being satisfied, the Clerk was instructed to certify him to the Professors.

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Notices of Acknowledgments, &c., crowded out.