

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

Presbytery of Lunenburg and
Shelburne.

The Presbytery met at Riversdale on Thursday Aug. 2nd, and it was the most pleasant meeting held there for a number of years; for it was to end in a harmonious manner, a long continued vacancy that had been discouraging to both the congregation and the Presbytery.

Perhaps a brief sketch of this congregation may not be uninteresting. Many of the families which now compose it were, before being organized into a congregation, connected with Bridgewater, about eleven miles distant from the central station.

The late Mr. Murdoch McGregor labored there one summer as catechist for an equal period. He was followed by Rev. T. H. Murray, then a student.

In 1867 the Presbytery set them apart as a congregation, and Mr. Murray was ordained and inducted early that summer. During the three years and a half of Mr. Murray's pastorate the people made great advances on what they had been accustomed to do. They built a comfortable manse, and furnished it. They put up and finished on the outside, with some help from the Hunter Fund and friends, a neat church at Riversdale.

They now have, besides one-third of the new church at Northfield, over £2,000 worth of property free of debt.

After Mr. Murray's resignation in the autumn of 1870, the people became quite discouraged, but the Presbytery were determined to bring them through the crisis if possible. During the winter they gave them free supply, taking collections for Schemes of the Church. One summer they were supplied irregularly by probationers. The next they were ministered by a student, and the next by an ordained missionary.

During all this time they were gradually gaining heart, and passing through various experiences, good, bad and indifferent, until this spring when Rev. H. Crawford was sent to supply them. After laboring for two months Mr. Crawford proved himself so acceptable to the people that they with great heartiness and unanimity asked the Presbytery to place Mr. Crawford after them as an ordained missionary, which, by means of an arrangement with the Home Mission Board they rejoiced to be able to do.

The service usual to an ordinary induction were held. Public worship and res-

mon by the clerk, an address to the minister by Mr. Cameron, and to the people by Mr. Miller, were followed by a welcome by the people to Mr. Crawford, after which he was introduced to the session.

Supply for Shelburne and other routine matters received attention, after which Presbytery adjourned to meet again at Lunenburg, on Wednesday, the 26th September, at 10.30 A. M. Sessions will please take note that elders' commissions are due, and that Session Records are required for examination at next meeting.

D. STILES FRASER, Clerk.

Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond.

The Presbytery met at Strath Lorne on the 24th July, for Presbyterial visitation and other business. The congregation of Strath Lorne was found to be in an encouraging condition. The minister, Rev. M. Campbell, is earnest and laborious in his work. And the people recognize, to some extent at least, the value of his labours, by the impletion of their engagements to him.

Mr Campbell has completed the second year of his ministry at Strath Lorne with pleasure and encouragement, and without the congregation being in "arrears." Both minister and people are to be congratulated on their happy relationship. The following resolution was agreed to by the Presbytery:

"The Presbytery are pleased to find that the congregation of Strath Lorne appears to be prospering; the ministers and elders are earnest and hearty in their labours of love; the managers are looking well after the financial affairs of the congregation; and the people seem to be willing to back them up in every good work. The Presbytery, however, would urge upon the congregation to keep in view the necessity of increasing the ministers salary as soon as they can, and as much as they are able; and they would recommend them to the Word of God, and the grace that is in Jesus, for direction, encouragement and strength."

After the "visitation" was over, and some other business attended to, the Presbytery adjourned and repaired to the Manse where the good lady of that institution, Mrs. Campbell, had made ready a most enjoyable Presbyterial dinner.

The Presbytery will meet again at West Bay, on the 16th Oct.

D. McDUGALL, pro temp.