

and Herdman; to visit Dalhousie, Messrs. Herdman and Quinn; to visit Campbellton and Charlo, Messrs. George and Lindsay; to visit Richibucto and Bass River, Messrs. Boyd and McKenzie respectively; to visit Blackville and Derby and Redbank, Messrs. Waits and Herdman; to visit Black River, Messrs. Aitken and Murray; to visit Bathurst, the Presbytery on the occasion of its next meeting.

The Rev. W. Aitken asked and obtained leave of absence for two and a half months to visit Europe.

The next meeting is to be held at Bathurst on the 15th of July.

In the evening an hour was devoted to a most interesting and profitable conference on the state of religion.

JOHN MCCARTER, *Clerk*.

Presbytery of Lunenburg and Shelburne.

This Presbytery met at Lunenburg on Tuesday, April 15th.

The deputation appointed to visit Shelburne congregation, together with report of the treasurer of the congregation, was heard. No increase was secured. Presbytery recommended the congregation to the Supplementing Committee for aid from the new Scheme.

Rev. E. D. Millar and James Eisenhaur, Esq., were appointed commissioners to the next General Assembly, and Principal McKnight, D. D., was nominated for Moderator.

The financial report was adopted. It shows that, apart from College Special Fund, there were raised for all schemes, \$375, being an increase over the average contributions for the three preceeding years of \$229, or 35 4 per cent.

The contributions for Supplementing Fund was only \$1.50 less than 5 per cent of stipends promised in the Presbytery; the increase over last year for this scheme being \$162, or 192.8 per cent., and at the same time there has been an increase in contributions to all schemes excepting one, where there was a slight decrease of 13 per cent. The largest congregational increases are Riversdale, about 102 per cent.; Lunenburg, about 98 per cent. and Clyde and Barrington, 50 per cent. There has been a gain in the Presbytery of one congregation, and one mission station; and 21 families. There have been 59 communicants added to the roll, and 30 removed.

In the evening there was a conference on Sabbath-schools. By way of introduction brief statements were made regarding the contents of reports on Temperance and Finances. Then Mr. Simpson read a full report on Sabbath-schools. Reports were received from all congregations, and a gratifying increase was shown in every particular.

Next meeting at Bridgewater, July 15th, at 2 P. M.

D. S. FRASER, *Clerk*.

Presbytery of Truro.

Met on Tuesday April 20th at Truro. Twelve ministers and six elders were present.

The Rev. J. A. Logan reported that the call from the congregation of Parrsboro had come out in favor of the Rev. Alex. Ross, that the call was signed by 70 members and 90 adherents and was unanimous and cordial.

Mr. Ross having intimated his acceptance of the call—the Presbytery made arrangements for his induction which is to be held in the Presbyterian Church Parrsboro, on Tuesday, May 20th, at 1 a. m.

In response to an application from St. Paul's Truro, for moderation in a call, Rev. W. T. Bruce was appointed to moderate on Wednesday, May 14th, at 7.30 p. m.

The Presbytery arranged for the supply of the mission stations for the summer—appointing Mr. Thomas Stewart to Harmony, Mr. G. N. Makeley to Maccan, Mr. J. McClure to Westchester, and Mr. Roderick McKay to North River.

An interesting report on Temperance was read by Mr. Logan, which was received and directed to be forwarded to the convener of the committee.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet again at Parrsboro for the induction of Mr. Ross and the transaction of ordinary business.

J. H. CHASE, *Clerk*.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at New Glasgow on the 6th inst.

Mr. R. C. Murray was appointed to labour as a Catechist during the coming summer at Country Harbour, Isaac's Harbour, and Wine Harbour, and Mr. A. P.