

vague feeling of dissatisfaction apparently existing there; that the support accorded to Mr. Bernard has been very adequate and his patient persevering endurance of the difficulties of his position worthy of all praise—that while the Presbytery feel for the new and struggling congregations of Glassville and Florenceville in being deprived of the stated ordinances of religion, they see no course left then but eventually to accept Mr. Bernard's demission; but inasmuch as the Commissioners from Glassville are not prepared to guarantee the payment of arrears, the final decision of the matter be deferred till next meeting, and that section of the congregation instructed to furnish a pledge that the arrears will be paid."

### Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in Springville Church, East River, on the 17th January, and after an eloquent and impressive sermon by the Rev. J. McL. McLeod, from Ezekiel xxxiii. 11. "Say unto them as I live saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked," was constituted by the Rev. George Walker, Moderator, *pro tem.*, with whom were present the Revs. Dr. Bayne, D. B. Blair, John McL. McLeod, John Mackinnon, C. B. Pitblado, A. McL. Sinclair, and Wm. Grant, Ministers; and Messrs. Roderick McGregor, Henry Archibald and Duncan Campbell, Ruling Elders.

The Presbytery proceeded with the visitation of the congregation by the Moderator putting the questions of the Formula in their regular order to the Minister, Elders, Session and Managers, all of which, they on the whole, satisfactorily answered. The Minister, Elders and Managers appear to be faithfully attending to their respective duties. In this congregation there are 154 families and 300 communicants; 3 Bible Classes, the average attendance of each being about 30; 6 Sabbath schools, 22 teachers, 120 scholars, 250 vols. in S. S. Library, and 5 monthly prayer meetings, which are generally pretty well attended. Contributions are made to all the schemes of the church and to other religious objects besides. The total amount contributed to these purposes last year was \$163. The stipend paid is \$600 with addition of a Manse and a Glebe of 25 acres of good land.

On a review of the whole, this congregation appears to be in a very healthful and prosperous condition, and true piety quietly and steadily advancing. The Presbytery expressed themselves as highly satisfied with the result of their investigation.

Messrs. Thomas Graham and J. W. Fraser appeared as Commissioners from the congregation of James Church, asking

for a moderation in a call, which was granted, and the Rev. Dr. Bayne appointed to preach in their church on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 12 o'clock, and moderate in a call to one to be their pastor.

The Presbytery expressed their sympathy with the Rev. Mr. Maxwell in being laid aside at present from active duty in consequence of a fractured leg, and arranged the supply for his pulpit.

Supplies for Merigomish, Scotsburn and James Church were also appointed.

The Rev. Mr. Blair gave notice of a motion on the subject of marriage within the prohibited degrees.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in James Church, on Tuesday, Feb. 28th, at 11 A. M., for ordinary business.

JOHN MACKINNON, Clerk.

### Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Presbytery met in Zion Church, Charlottetown, on the 28th inst. A report of Missionary labor performed by Mr. G. W. Nelson, Probationer, in three of the vacant congregations, was read and approved. The Presbytery was occupied a great part of the day in conference with the sister Presbytery. Report of Sessions in reference to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund were called for. The Sessions of Summerside, New London and Princetown, reported; and the Presbytery resolved that those Sessions which have not reported, be called on to report at a future meeting.—Attention having been called to the importance of greater supply of preaching being given to Summerside, the Presbytery directed the pastor, and Presbytery elder of the congregation, to advise it to take steps without delay to have Rev. Mr. Frame's full services at Summerside on the Sabbath. Rev. A. Campbell reported the fulfilment of his appointment to preach at Granville and attend to sessional and congregational business. The people desired to retain their present connection with St. John's congregation, and supply of preaching from the Presbytery. The Presbytery approved of the report, and resolved to grant supply on the second Sabbath of each alternate month, Rev. Mr. Gunn to preach on the second Sabbath of February. Rev. T. Cumming, in connection with a few remarks, expressed his resolution, thoughtfully and prayerfully adopted, to decline the call addressed to him by the congregation of Zion Church, Charlottetown. Several members of Presbytery, and of the congregation, expressed their views on the subject; and the whole Presbytery exceedingly regretted the decision of Mr. Cumming, and deeply sympathized with the congregation. He also declined supplying the pulpit for the winter as desired. The