

gational meeting, now on the table, in which minute, while they record their warm attachment to the person of their minister, their high appreciation of his services, and their deep regret at the prospect of his removal from them, they at the same time express their belief that in order to effect an harmonious union between the congregation of North and South Cornwallis such an event is unavoidable. Therefore the Presbytery resolve to accept and hereby do accept the resignation now on the table, to take effect on 30th June next.

While the Presbytery thus feel themselves shut up to accept Mr. Forlong's resignation, they cannot do so without recording their gratification at the exhibition of the kindly feeling existing between pastor and people, and their deep sense of the disinterested spirit manifested by their brother in thus sacrificing his own feelings to secure a union which all parties feel to be desirable. —Nor can the Presbytery view the prospect of being soon separated from their brother without expressing their appreciation of his faithful and diligent labours, and their earnest prayer that the Great Head of the Church may guide his steps in the future. In the meantime the Presbytery would earnestly recommend both congregations to do all in their power to pave the way for such a union as is now contemplated."

In answer to an application from the congregation of Bridgewater, Rev. Wm. Duff was appointed to preach and moderate in a call in that place on Wednesday, 30th October at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. J. B. Logan having laid before the Presbytery a certificate of his license by the Presbytery of Paisley and Greenock, on motion Mr. Logan was received as a Probationer of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and the clerk instructed to notify the Secretary of the H. M. Board to that effect. The following supply was then appointed, Rev. Mr. Duff to preach in Bridgewater on the 20th inst. Mr. Garvie to preach in Cornwallis on the 3rd and 4th Sabbath of October. Mr. Hogg to preach in Poplar Grove Congregation the last two Sabbaths of Oct., and Mr. Nelson to preach in Walton during the month of Oct. and in Cornwallis during the month of Nov. The next meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, on Wednesday 13th Nov. at 11 o'clock A. M.

J. McLEOD, *Pby. Clerk.*

#### Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met on the 8th inst., in Primitive Church, New Glasgow, and was constituted by the Rev. George Patterson, moderator. There was a large attendance of ministers and elders. The

minutes of last meeting of Presbytery were read and sustained.

Mr. James Daniel Murray being present, intimated his acceptance of the call from Antigonish congregation to him to be its pastor. His trials for ordination were received and sustained. His ordination and induction were appointed to take place on Tuesday the 5th Nov. Mr. Patterson to preside and ordain, Mr. Watt to preach, Dr. Bayne to address the minister, and Mr. Ross the people.

Mr. Samuel Gunn, student, was examined and certified to the Divinity Hall. Mr. Forbes reported that he had fulfilled his appointment to Wine Harbor, and urged upon the Presbytery the importance of supplying that station. He also reported that, being relieved by Mr. Grant from his appointment to Merigomish, he gave that day to Isaac's and Country Harbors. His report was approved and his diligence commended.

Mr. Pitblado reported that he had fulfilled his appointment to St. John's Church, Chatham, Miramichi, and handed the Presbytery the following minute from the session of that congregation.

"Resolved, That the session, while still adhering to its belief that the use of instrumental music in public worship is not at variance with the word of God, yet recognise the duty of submission to the injunction of the supreme court, and pledges itself to carry out the decision of Synod in the way which it may deem most conducive to the unity and spiritual welfare of the congregation."

His report was approved, his diligence commended, and his expenses ordered to be paid. The clerk was instructed to write to that session, enquiring whether it had yet carried into practical effect the above resolution.

Mr. Forbes was appointed to preach in Antigonish on the third Sabbath of this month, and to read the ordination edict, and Mr. Howard Archibald to supply his place in Lochaber on that day. Mr. Archibald was continued in Antigonish during this month.

Mr. J. D. Murray was appointed to preach in Wine Harbor on the third and fourth Sabbaths of this month, and on the first Sabbath of November.

The clerk was instructed to advertise again "the Mackenzie Bursary," and the Revds. John Stewart, George Walker and David Roy were appointed a committee to examine and certify applicants, Mr. Stewart, convener.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Antigonish Church on Tuesday, the 5th of November, at 11 o'clock, a.m., for ordination and ordinary business. Concluded with the benediction.

JOHN MACKINNON, *Clerk.*