THE PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

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

Mr. McCurdy, on behalf of the Presbyterial Committee on Augmentation, presented the following report:

1. That the matter has been kept before the congregations within the bounds in

various ways.

2. That the response to the appeal of the Presbytery has been most general,

hearty, and gratifying.

3. That almost all the congregations have completed their contributions; and that those which have not are now doing so or about to do so. The present position of matters is as follows:

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So far no congregation has declined to make up the amount asked for, and energisgood reason to believe that are c. almost all the allotments will in a very short time be realized.

In addition your committee have to report that the congregation of Merigomish has heartly agreed to pay their pastor hereafter a salary of \$750.00, with a Manse and Glebe.

With reference to the Remit of Assembly anent marriage with a deceased wifes sister, the Presbytery agreed to approve of the first recommendation of the Assembly's Committee, viz: "Hat the Mosaic Law of Inerst is of personnent obligation, and that marriage on ht not to be within the decrees of consungularity or affinity forbidd in in the Word.

The consideration of the other recommendations - amont - same subject was deterred till the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

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With reference to the statistical returns it was agreed to ask Sessions to fill

them up and send them to Mr. J. S. Carruthers, Convener of the Presbytery Committee on Statistics, before the 7th of February.

The petition of the congregation of Antigonish and Cape George for Moderator in a call to Mr. J. R. Munro, was granted, and Mr. R. Cumming was appointed to preach at Antigonish on Monday, the 19th inst., at 10 o'c ock, a. m., and to moderate in said call.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at New Glasgow, on Jan. 27th, at 12 o'clock, a. m. E. A. McCURDY,

PRES. CLERK.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, on Tuesday, Dec. 23. Rev. Mr. Nairn's resignation was accepted, to take place in February; and Rev. Mr. Fotheringham appointed to draw up the customary minute. Rev. Dr. Smith reported on the minute to Rev. A.r. Love and the minute for Rev. Mr. Burgess was read. Rev. Mr. Sutherland was appointed moderator of the Session of St. Stephen's Church, St. Stephen. A very elaborate memorial from Calvin church congregation was read. It was agreed that the Presbytery should meet with Calvin church on the third Tuesday in January and endeavor to arrange a settlement of the various matters under dispute, and that Mr. Logan should also be cited to appear at that meeting.

Several matters of routine were then disposed of, including a most satisfactory report from Rev Mr. Bruce on the success of the augmentation scheme. Presbytery then adjourned.

A STONE-WITH A STORY.

REV. A. M. MERWIT, CHILI.

Boya, have you ever seen on the Hudson a beautiful ravine called Idlewild? On one of the steep banks of that ravine, and near a winding footpath, you may have noticed a large stone with the initials of two hames cut in large letters upon its side. Those initials were carved, long ago, by a Sabbath school teacher, and I must tell you why he chose that particular stone for just such work.

One afternoon in the early Spring two beys decided, on that very spot, that