

a great improvement on the old system of collecting. There are four Elders, and districts are allotted to each. The temporalities are managed by a Deacon's Court. There is one Sabbath School and a fortnightly prayer meeting. The services of the minister are highly acceptable, and the regular attendance on ordinances is large. Others beside Presbyterians attend. There is some prospect of the congregation increasing. There are thirty-one families and forty-one communicants connected with the Church. They contribute £40 a year to the stipend. The largest subscription is £4. Porter's Lake is nine miles distant in one direction, and Cow Bay eight miles in another. There are twelve families at Cow Bay, a few at Porter's Lake; and it is proposed and desired that this portion of Mr. Stuart's field should have a larger share, if not the whole, of his services.

The Presbytery expressed themselves very much pleased with what they had seen and heard, and they recorded on their minutes a recommendation to this portion of Mr. Stuart's extensive charge to exert themselves to secure the whole of his services. There is no doubt that Lawrencetown, Porter's Lake, and Cow Bay could raise as much as the whole charge now does. Mr. Stuart cannot possibly continue long to travel and labor as he has done of late years. It were cruel to him and unjust to the whole church, to expect such service from him. We were glad to see that the suggestions and recommendations of the Presbytery fell on willing ears, and we have no doubt that the substantial and earnest men of Lawrencetown will do their duty.

On Wednesday the Presbytery met at Musquodoboit Harbor. Rev. John McLeod preached an able and excellent sermon. The visitation of this section of Mr. Stuart's charge was also satisfactory. It appeared that though they were considerable in arrears, speedy steps are being taken to pay all. Reluctant as they are to part with Mr. Stewart as their pastor, they are convinced that the time must soon come when they must be a portion of a new charge.

There are 21 families. They have a neat Church, well kept. From the situation of the harbor, it is likely to form part of a new congregation, which will include Meagher's Grant, Antrim, and Clam Harbor.

The Presbytery appointed Mr. Robert Murray to supply Kennetcook on Sunday, the 17th inst., and the Gore on the 24th. Rev. W. Maxwell was appointed Treasurer of the Presbytery Fund, in place of Rev. P. G. McGregor, resigned. Several congregations are in arrears to this Fund, and the Fund itself is considerably in debt.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in the College Hall on Thursday evening for the examination of Students and other business.

The Presbytery of Cape Breton.

The Presbytery of Cape Breton met at Big Bras d'Or, Boulardarie, on the 21st Nov., ult., for Presbyterial visitation, &c.

A letter was read from Richard Brown, Esq., of Sydney Mines, intimating that in accordance with the Presbytery's application the General Mining Association had agreed to give a site for a place of worship, at Cow Bay, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces. It was moved and unanimously agreed to that the Moderator be appointed to convey the thanks of the Presbytery to the Association, through their agent at Sydney Mines, C.B., for this handsome and generous gift.

Thereafter, Mr. McIntosh reported that agreeably to the appointment of Presbytery he visited Cape North in the course of last summer; that he preached several times there, and held meetings with the people; that he found more than two-thirds of the Protestant population staunch adherents of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces; that they secured a site and materials, and raised upwards of a hundred pounds cy., for a place of worship, which sum about a year ago was placed by them in the hands of Mr. Donald Sutherland, who then laboured amongst them as a missionary; and that they were not at present prepared to call a minister, but would contribute about £40 were a judicious minister sent them for half a year. The Presbytery appointed Mr. McIntosh to correspond with the Home Mission Committee in reference to a suitable missionary for Cape North; also to ascertain from Mr. D. Sutherland what he had done with the money raised by the people towards the building of a Church there.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Sydney, on Tuesday, the second day of Jan'y next, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Tatamagouche.

This Presbytery met at Tatamagouche on Dec. 12, for the visitation of the congregation, and was constituted after sermon by the Rev. W. S. Darragh, from Matt. xvi. 17. The Presbytery met again next day at River John, for the same purpose, and was constituted after sermon by the Rev. J. Watson, from Isaiah lii. 7. Both congregations were found to be in a satisfactory condition.

The thanks of the Presbytery were given to Mr. Watson, for his sermon, and he was asked to furnish a copy of the same for publication. Mr. Watson intimated his willingness to comply with this request, and