

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at New Glasgow on the 1st inst. There were present besides the Moderator, Mr. Stewart. Messrs R. Laird, E. A. McCurdy, A. McLean Sinclair, R. Cumming, E. Scott, A. W. McLeod, and J. L. George ministers, and Messrs Alex. Grant, George Munro and John Dunbar, ruling elders. Dr. Patterson was also present as a corresponding member.

The following minute with reference to Mr. Goodfellow was adopted.

"In removing the name of the Rev. P. Goodfellow from their Roll, the Presbytery of Pictou desire to place on Record the following minute with reference to his life and labours,

Mr. Goodfellow was born at Belfast, Ontario, on the 24th of June, 1822. He received his early education at the Grammar school of Bond Head, took his course in Arts at University College, Toronto, and studied Theology at the U. P. College of the same city.

After completing his curriculum, and receiving License he was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Widder and Lake Road, Ontario, Jan, 26th 1852. About nine years later he came to Nova Scotia, and was settled in Antigonish in July 1872, of which congregation he continued to be pastor till his death, October 30th, 1883.

During his eleven years ministry within the bounds of this Presbytery, Mr. Goodfellow commanded the entire confidence, and secured the warm affection of all his brethren. He preached the Gospel with simplicity, fidelity, and earnestness, always aiming at commending the truth to every man's conscience in the sight of God. He taught his people from house to house with great diligence, and though often struggling with pain and weakness he persisted till near the close of his life in the faithful discharge of all his pastoral duties. He was distinguished for his fidelity and skill in personal dealing with all who were under his ministry, and it is believed that he was singularly successful in guiding inquirers into the way of peace.

He was highly esteemed as a member of Presbytery, not only for his wisdom as a counsellor but also for his readiness to aid in the public work of the church.

In recording their appreciation of his worth as a man and as a minister of the Gospel, the Presbytery would at the same

time express their deep sympathy with his family and congregation in their bereavement; and they would earnestly "commend them to God and to the word of His grace."

In his removal, almost in the prime of his life, they would recognize the voice of the Master, loudly summoning them to greater activity, and impressively reminding them anew that "the night cometh when no man can work."

A call from the congregation of Scotsburn and Saltspings, signed by 165 communicants and fifteen adherents, and addressed to Rev. Alex. Sutherland of Ripley, Ontario, was sustained, and necessary steps taken to have it brought to an issue.

A committee consisting of Messrs Sinclair, Laird and McCurdy was appointed to consider what alterations should be recommended to the Assembly's Committee, appointed to revise the "Book of Forms," with instructions to report at the next meeting of Presbytery, the members being requested to forward to the committee immediately, any suggestions which they may wish to make.

The report of the Treasurer showed that all the sessions within the bounds had made their annual contributions to the Presbytery Fund.

The Committees appointed to examine Session Records already on the table reported. With reference to the Records, which have not yet been produced, it was agreed to appoint a Committee of which Mr. Donald is Convener; to instruct the sessions concerned to forward their Records to Mr. Donald immediately, so that the Committee may examine them, and report to the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

The following Presbyterian Committees were appointed:—

Statistics.—Mr. J. S. Carruthers, Con., Messrs R. Laird and John Ross.

Sabbath Schools.—Mr. Alex. McLean, Con., and Messrs. John D. Dunbar, and Alex. Grant.

State of Religion.—Mr. Donald, Con., and Messrs. J. S. Carruthers, Howard Primrose and John Ross.

Temperance.—Mr. R. Cumming, Con., Messrs. Wm. Stewart, Robert Fraser, and George I Stewart.

It is expected that Sessions will send in their reports on these subjects to the Conveners of these Committees, respectively as soon as possible, and it was ordered that reports on statistics be forwarded to the Clerk before the Middle of February.

Mr. Thompson was appointed to supply