

The recommendation was adopted by Synod, and its Board authorized to take the necessary steps to have this object fairly grappled with and carried out with the concurrence of our people in due time.

Agreed that the approaching session of the Hall be opened by a Lecture by Rev. Professor Pollok, to be delivered in St. Matthew's Church, on the evening of 1st Wednesday of November.

### Examples.

1. A Christian woman planted an apple tree, the fruit to be sold annually for the mission cause. The proceeds this year are acknowledged under Foreign Missions \$2.10. The idea of this tree we understand came from Sammy Johnston's Mission Hen. It is about time to hear of the success of our *five* stock for 1875! We would recommend the setting out of a few mission trees in select spots in Hants, Kings and Annapolis, and would even accept the agency of making sale of their produce for the good cause.

2. A minister whose salary is \$600 per annum, sends us \$25 for Supplementing fund. See acknowledgment in this month's RECORD. He gives to the other schemes. Is there one in his congregation who gives as liberally?

3. A Christian man in business received a Providential mercy. Under the name of "gratitude" he gives a thank offering of \$25 to the Supplementing fund. See last RECORD. He gives nothing less to the other schemes.

### Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou held a *Pro re nata* meeting in Sherbrook Church on the 15th Sept., and was constituted by the Rev. A. McL. Sinclair, Moderator, *pro tem*. The Presbytery after due examination into the state of the congregation, found all its affairs in a most prosperous and encouraging condition. The minister preached the Gospel faithfully and attended diligently to the other duties of his pastoral office. Elders were also found acting in the way of their duty, visiting the families of their districts—attending to the sick—teaching in the Sabbath Schools, taking an active part in maintaining prayer meetings and care-

fully watching over the morals of the people. The Managers showed that the financial affairs were in a most satisfactory condition—the minister has been paid promptly on the day quarterly in advance, and all the schemes of the Church and other benevolent and religious objects are liberally supported. All the funds needed are provided by weekly contributions dropped in a box placed near the door in the lobby of the church. During the last year and nine months the congregation contributed for all purposes \$3144.

The congregation also offered to add \$100 a year to the minister's stipend and to increase this sum if necessary to retain him. On review of the whole examination all the members of the Presbytery expressed themselves as exceeding well pleased with the state of the congregation. Last spring the congregation enjoyed a most blessed season of religious revival in consequence of which large numbers have been added to the Communion Roll. During Mr. Gillies' ministry of 21 months 100 persons have professed of religion and been added to the Roll of membership.

The Presbytery then took up Mr. Gillies' demission, the acceptance of which he earnestly requested. Having heard the congregation's commissioners in behalf of retaining Mr. Gillies as their minister, and his reasons in favor of letting him go, it was agreed to accept his demission and grant him the requisite certificate, and also to note the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren as a faithful and successful minister of the Gospel, and express the prayer that the Great Head of the Church may accompany him in whatever part of His vineyard he may be called upon to labor.

The Presbytery met in New Glasgow on the 21st Sept., and was constituted by the Rev. Geo. Walker, Moderator, with whom a large number of ministers and elders were present.

Seven commissioners appeared from the Vale Colliery and Sutherland's River, asking the Presbytery to organize the Presbyterians in these localities into one congregation. They stated that about 150 families joined in this request, and that they had a subscription list amounting to \$970 and signed by 220 persons. The Presbytery offered to entertain the request favorably, and in the meantime notify the neighboring Sessions to report on this matter at the next meeting of Presbytery. The Committee on the French Mission submitted their report on the work. Mr. Pelletier's report which was a most interesting and encouraging one and a "Declaration of Protestantism" signed by 125 French persons who had up to this time been Roman Catholics, but now have renounced