

## OUR CHURCH NEWS.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in *hunc effectum* at New Glasgow, on Tuesday, 31st December last, for the purpose of discharging a call from the congregation of Merigomish. The Revd. George Walker reported that he had moderated in said call and that it had come out unanimously in favor of Mr. Alexander Falconer, preacher of the Gospel. The said call signed by one hundred and thirty-eight persons in full communion, and a paper of adherence signed by one hundred and eighty-six persons were laid upon the table of Presbytery. On motion the call was sustained, and intimation appointed to be given to Mr. Falconer, and subjects of trial for ordination were assigned him in the event of his acceptance.

The Presbytery met for ordinary business at New Glasgow on the 31st Jan'y. A report was received of the Rev. A. P. Miller's labors at French River for the last eight months, which was approved by the Presbytery. The Commissioners from that quarter reported that they had honorably fulfilled their pecuniary engagements to Mr. Miller. A petition was now presented for a moderation of a call in that locality, together with an accompanying subscription list. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the Rev. A. P. Miller be located there for another year.

The Rev. W. S. Darragh was appointed to moderate in a call in the congregation of Goshen, on Monday, 17th February.

The Rev. Mr. Downie reported that he had fulfilled the appointment of Presbytery to Lochaber, but no report having been forwarded from the congregation, the Presbytery was instructed to write enjoining them to have it forwarded to next meeting of Presbytery.

Reports of Missionary labour by Rev. A. W. McKay, W. S. Darragh, Alex. Falconer and J. D. McGilvray, were read and approved.

The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to take place at Barney's River for Presbyterial visitation on the 2nd March, the Rev. J. McKinnon to preach on the occasion.

THE PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX in connection with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces met at Shelburne

on Wednesday, 15th inst., at 11 o'clock A.M.—The following members were present, Rev. Geo. Christie, Moderator pro-tempore, G. M. Clarke, H. McMillan and J. Morton, Ministers, and Philip Bower, Ruling Elder. Mr. Christie preached an appropriate and deeply affecting sermon from Luke xxiv. 47. "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name, among all nations beginning at Jerusalem."

Mr. Morton was appointed Clerk, *pro tem.* Rev. P. G. McGregor having forwarded the minutes of last meetings of Presbytery, they were read and approved. The Presbytery then proceeded with the object for which it had met, namely, the Presbyterial Visitation of the congregation, when the questions of the formula were put by the Moderator, to the Minister, elders, Session and managers. The answers given were considered in general satisfactory; and some recommendations were offered to the managers, by attending to which it is hoped that the financial affairs of the Congregation may be carried on with greater promptitude and efficiency. An increase of Elders was also urged upon the Session. The day being stormy the attendance was not so large as could have been wished.

On Thursday morning the Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, Clyde River. After Sermon by the Rev. J. Morton from Rev. xxii. 17. "And the Spirit of the bride say come: and whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely." The minutes of last meeting having been read and approved, the Presbytery proceeded to the Presbyterial visitation of the congregation. The questions of the formula were put by the Moderator, to the Minister, Elders, Session and managers, and answered in general to the satisfaction of the Presbytery. Similar advice was given with respect to the management of the financial affairs, as that tendered to the Shelburne Congregation. The day was fine and the attendance highly respectable, and the services tho' long were listened to with the greatest attention. The deep interest manifested by that new congregation in the meeting of Presby-