

### Presbytery of Truro.

This reverend court, according to appointment and as intimated in the *Witness*, met at Fawleigh on the 16th inst. The principal business was the visitation of Upper Londonderry congregation. Satisfactory answers were returned to most of the questions of the formula. The pastor is ardently prosecuting the various parts of his important work. He has been doing so during several weeks in a weakly state of health. Owing to this, he has been obliged to desist for a time from family visitation. The Presbytery hoped that in the course of the year he would still be able to meet with the whole of his people, either in diets of Examination or family visitation.

The elders are careful in visiting the sick. They conduct Sabbath schools. They also attend and take part in prayer meetings. They have not, however, in general, as yet begun to visit, advise and pray with the families of their respective districts. This they were strongly urged to do, and to do without delay.

The congregation have for a few years past been engaged in church-building. The result is two fine new churches, one at Fawleigh and one at Mastown. These have involved them in large expenditure in addition to the ordinary support of ordinances. It is thus we would account for the fact that their Minister's salary is even below the minimum, being only \$600 without a manse. This, to the credit of the people, was found to have been all honourably paid. Arrears, if ever known in this congregation, are now known only as a thing of the past. There is also a Bequest that was made in olden times to the minister of Londonderry congregation, the whole proceedings of which are claimed as belonging to the Minister of the Upper congregation. This was referred to at the visitation as evidently being of considerable account in the estimation of some. It is to be feared, however, that his actual receipts from this source are not very large. The Presbytery commending them for what they had done in church-building, advised that they would now take steps for the increase of stipend, raising their Minister's salary to not less than \$800.

It was reported that ordinances were attended to in a very encouraging manner. The number of accessions to the fellowship of the church during the past year far exceeds that of any former year. Several of those admitted were young men. There is in the congregation a strong desire for the Synod's scheme of systematic beneficence. There are, however, a few still opposed. The Presbytery's recommendation was the adoption of the scheme as soon as the ses-

sion and congregation would see it to be for edification. It is understood that, out of difference to the ministry, though small, its adoption will be delayed.

Appointed next meeting at Truro, on Tuesday, March 19th.

A. L. WYLLIE, Clerk,

### Presbytery of Halifax.

This Presbytery met at three different sections of Rev. James Maclean's congregation on the 16th and 17th of January. This is a large and well-wrought charge. At each of the three sections the Presbytery found evidence of earnest Pastoral work; but the fact was evident that the labour of this congregation is entirely too much for one man. The Presbytery was gratified to learn that steps are to be taken without delay for dividing the congregation. Professor Currie was appointed to moderate in a Call in Fort Massey Church on Wednesday the 7th Feb. In granting moderation, the Presbytery "expressed their conviction that the salary of \$1200 promised, is inadequate for the comfortable maintenance of a minister in a city congregation." The Presbytery received the Noel congregation and expressed their opinion that it would be advantageous to Presbyterianism in that quarter if Maitland also were transferred by the Presbytery of Truro to this Presbytery. Rev. James Maclean was appointed to meet with the Truro Presbytery on the subject. Mr. Glendinning was appointed to interim Moderator of the Noel Session. The following supply was appointed for Noel: Mr. Simpson to preach on Jan. 28; Mr. Forrest on Feb. 11th; and Mr. Glendinning on Feb. 25th. St. Croix was for the present left in connection with Windsor, but the hope was expressed that this separation would be very soon accomplished and St. Croix erected into a self-sustaining charge. The Presbytery having previously agreed to supply Musquodoboit Harbor in terms of the roll, the Moderator and Clerk were instructed to notify each member when his turn should come.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, on the last Tuesday of February at 11 A. M.

### Gifts to Ministers.

We submit a list of these, as far as we have noticed them, but not without our fears that we will be chargeable with omissions. We must present our Record of these favours, in as few words as possible. We shall call them New Year's Presentations, though a very few may be of a later date.

1. Rev. James Bennet of St. John, received a purse of \$300 with a congratulatory address.