

may spend some time at its next meeting in Examination of these Returns. The next meeting will be held in the Basement of Poplar Grove Church on Tuesday the 3rd March, at 11 o'clock.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in Sherbrooke Church, on the 14th January, and was constituted by the Rev. A. McLean Sinclair, Moderator.

The edict for the induction of Mr. Gillies was returned as duly served by the Rev. Samuel McNally.

Mr. MacKinnon preached from Hebrews xiii. 17.

Mr. Sinclair narrated the steps, put the questions of the formula to Mr. Gillies, which he satisfactorily answered, offered the induction prayer, declared Mr. Gillies inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation, gave him the right hand of fellowship as did also the other members of Presbytery. Mr. Goodfellow addressed the newly inducted minister, and Mr. Sinclair the people. Mr. Blair concluded the services with prayer.

Mr. Forbes introduced Mr. Gillies to the people and the session. Mr. John A. McDonald was appointed by the Session to represent them in Presbytery and Synod during the current year. The managers reported that they had paid their minister the quarter's stipend in advance. It was agreed that Sessions, in accordance with the Rules of the Church, take up and consider the remits from Synod, and report to Presbytery as soon as possible.

Adjourned to meet in James' Church, on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 11 a. m., for ordinary business.

THE Presbytery of Pictou met in Sharon Church, Stellarton, on the 31st December, and inducted the Rev. Thomas Cumming into the pastoral charge of that congregation. The Rev. Mr. Sinclair preached, Mr. McCurdy presided, Mr. Thomson addressed the minister and Mr. MacKinnon the people. At the close of the services the people as they retired gave their newly inducted minister a most hearty reception. The session having met, appointed Mr. Thos. Davidson their representative in Presbytery and in Synod during the current year.

A call from the congregation of Merigomish signed by 240 members and 180 adherents addressed to the Rev. Isaac Murray, P. E. Island, was sustained as a regular gospel call, and the regular steps taken in connection with it. The stipend is \$800.00 with Manse and Glebe. The Rev. Mr. Baxter was appointed to preach in Greenhill Church on the 3rd Sabbath of this month, and in James' Church, New Glasgow, on the following Sabbath, in exchange

with the ministers of these churches, who were appointed to preach on the above named Sabbaths in Merigomish Church.

The Presbytery agreed to meet in James' Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, Feb. 17th, at 11 a. m., to consider the subject of Union, remits of Synod, and for ordinary business.

JOHN MACKINNON, Clerk.

The Presbytery of Truro

Met on the 27th ult., for Presbyterial visitation at Onslow, and for general business. The visitation was highly satisfactory, and the progress in ministerial support, church and manse building most decided.

After hearing Rev. Mr. McGregor on behalf of the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, the Presbytery unanimously resolved to sustain the movement by an early appeal to all the congregations for contributions, in which effort the ministers will join.

Provision was made for the supply of the Acadian Mines congregation by members of Presbytery, and Mr. Wallace was appointed for February and March to supply the congregation of Maclean and Spring Hill with connected Stations.—*CON.*

WE note the following among many items of interest :

POPLAR GROVE CHURCH.—The annual meeting of Poplar Grove Congregation was held on Monday evening. The Pastor's salary was increased by \$200 a year, and this amount was added retrospectively to last years salary. Arrangements were also made for speedily wiping out the debt on the Church.

DARTMOUTH.—The Week of Prayer has produced good and wholesome fruit at Dartmouth. A Branch Bible Society was formed, Dr. Ross, President. A Temperance Society was formed, which held a vigorous meeting in the Presbyterian Church, and set machinery in motion for checking illicit traffic in strong drink.

THE Springside Congregation added a Hundred Dollars to their Pastor's salary at their last annual meeting. He now receives \$700 with a manse.

THE Village Bible Class of the Upper Stewiacke Congregation waited on their pastor, Rev. Edward Grant, on New Year's morning, and presented him with a handsome copy of Dr. Hanna's "Life of Christ," accompanied with a suitable address. They also presented Mrs. Grant at the same time with a sum of money, all of which they desire to acknowledge with thanks.