

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Zion Church on the first Friday of October at 11 o'clock.

R. LAIRD, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in James Church, New Glasgow, on the 23rd ult., and was constituted by the Rev. James Thompson, Moderator, *pro tem*, with whom were present the Revds. Dr. Roy, John Stewart, G. Walker, D. B. Blair, G. Patterson, J. Mackinnon, A. Ross, A. J. Mowitt, A. McL. Sinclair, and J. D. Murray, ministers; and Messrs. Lawrence Miller, James Hunter, Donald Bannerman, David Marshall, Thomas Macdonald, Wm. Copeland, Dr. Murray and Hugh Gunn, Ruling Elders. Commissions appointing the following Representative Elders were read and sustained —

David Marshall, Esq., Mr. D. Bannerman, Mr. James Hunter, Alexander Mackay, Esq., Mr. Alexander Grant, Lawrence Miller, Esq., Mr. William Copeland, Mr. Thomas Macdonald, George McKay, Esq.

The Synod having at its last meeting granted the Revs. Dr. Roy and John Stewart deliberative seats in the higher Church Courts, it was accordingly agreed to place their names on the Roll of Presbytery.

The Revs. Dr. Blackie, of Boston, and J. M. G. MacKay, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Messrs. James Mitchell, J. W. Patten, and William Copeland appeared before Presbytery as Commissioners from the congregation of Merigomish, with an application for a Moderation in a Call to one to be their pastor. After the Commissioners had been heard in support of this application, the Presbytery agreed to appoint the Rev. William Maxwell to preach in their Church on Tuesday, Sept. 13th, at 11 A. M., and Moderate in a Call to one to be their pastor, on the condition that either at that meeting or at a previous meeting the congregation agree upon a definite sum as stipend, and it is expected that the stipend shall not be less than \$600, together with the Manse and Glebe.

The Rev. Mr. Ross having declined to act as Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Maxwell was appointed Moderator for the ensuing year.

The Rev. Mr. McLeod having been laid aside from preaching by illness, the Presbytery agreed to appoint supply for his pulpit.

The Rev. J. D. Murray obtained leave of absence for six weeks for the benefit of his health.

The Presbytery agreed to hold their next meeting in John Knox's Church, on Tuesday, Sept. 20th, at 11 A. M., for ordinary business.

JOHN MACKINNON, Clerk.

### New Churches.

The Bedford Church is very neatly finished. It is still considerably in debt, but the congregation will do all in their power to wipe out the debt. They receive valuable assistance from gentlemen residing in Halifax.—The new church at Dartmouth is making rapid progress. It is beautifully situated, and will when completed prove an ornament to the town.—The brick church at the south end of Halifax is nearly covered in. It will according to present appearances be the handsomest ecclesiastical structure in the city.

Rev. John Forrest thankfully acknowledges the following sums received in aid of the Presbyterian Church at Digby Gut: Rev. James Maclean's congregation, Gay's River, \$20; Rev. Joseph Hogg's congregation, North Cornwallis, \$20; Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, \$20; Tangier, \$4.53; Sheet Harbor, \$4.47, (the two latter, Rev. A. B. Dickie's congregation.)

### Theological Hall.

At a late meeting of the Board of Superintendence, the answer of Rev. Marcus Dods to the letter sent to him by a Committee of Synod was read, in which he declines acceptance of the Theological Professorship, and assigns reasons. Whereupon it was agreed unanimously to request Rev. Dr. King to continue his Professorial labours for another Session. After full consideration the Doctor consented.

The approaching Session will be opened by a Lecture by Rev. Dr. King, to be delivered in College Hall, on Tuesday Nov. 1st, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. It is expected that Students will be forward punctually at the time specified, and be prepared to present their Presbyterial Certificates at the opening of the Classes.

By order of the Board,  
P. G. MCGREGOR, Sec'y.

The Nova Scotia Board of Examiners will meet in the College Hall, Gerrish Street, Halifax, on Monday the 31st Oct., at 10 o'clock, a. m., for the examination of Students desirous of entering the Divinity Classes. The Examination will be conducted by written papers. Graduates of Dalhousie College, &c., are by act of Synod exempt from this examination.

ALEX. FALCONER, Convener.

### Baptism.

An excellent Lecture on the Baptist controversy has been published by Rev. E. Annand, and is for sale at the Bookstores. The Baptists at Windsor busied themselves