

Meetings of Presbyteries.

PICTOU, Dec. 28th.—The Presbytery met at Pictou. Mr. Ferry, Glenelg, accepted the call to Bridgewater, his connection with Glenelg ceasing on the 9th January. Progress of the most encouraging character was reported respecting the Augmentation Fund, all the congregations being in a fair way to raise the amounts assigned to them by Presbytery. Rev. A. Falconer was inducted into the pastoral charge of Prince street Congregation, Pictou. Sessions were recommended to adopt the recommendations of Synod, respecting Systematic Benevolence, where they found it practicable and expedient to do so. The subject of evangelistic services was considered, a committee was appointed to report to next meeting, and sessions were recommended in the mean time, to arrange such services as they might deem to edification.

HALIFAX.—In December, the Presbytery visited, by Committee, the congregations of Kennetcook, Noel and Maitland. Addresses on Presbyterian polity were delivered, and all matters connected with the congregations reviewed. At all these meetings, the attention of congregations was directed to the duty of having the Record in every family.

QUEBEC, Dec. 14.—A call from Richmond and Melbourne in favor of the Rev. John MacLeod, Antwerp, was reported. A committee was appointed to carry on and supervise French mission work within the bounds. An encouraging report was received from Metis. Mr. Charbonnell gave an interesting report of French mission work within the bounds. Arrangements were made for the induction of the Rev. J. D. Ferguson to Windsor Mills and Lower Windsor. Rev. W. M. Johnston was appointed to Kennebec Road till March. The Presbytery approved of the remit on the marriage question sent down by the last General Assembly.

MONTREAL, Jan. 11th.—The remit on marriage was approved by a large majority and that on ecclesiastical co-operation unanimously. A committee was appointed to try and secure a church property in Hochelaga; Chalmers' Church congregation were encouraged to establish a mission school in Côte St. Louis suburb; and permission was given the Montreal College Students Mission Society to hold evangelistic services in the old St. Gabriel Church building. The City Mission, Home Mission and French Evangelization reports were submitted by the respective Conveners. The Rev. Dr. Burns of Halifax was unanimously nominated as Moderator of next General Assembly. It was agreed to apply to the assembly for leave to receive Rev. J. A. Birrell as a minister of the church. Leave was given to Georgetown Session, and also to Russeltown Session to moderate in calls. A

call from W. Farnham to Rev. R. V. McKibbin was sustained, salary promised \$600 per annum. Arrangements were made for Mr. McKibbin's induction.

KING-TON, Dec. 20th.—Mr. McCauley was granted three months leave of absence. Mr. Maclean was authorized to prepare a circular on Augmentation for use in all congregations within the bounds. An assessment of 15 cents per family is required for the Presbytery and Synod Funds. Mr. McCauley requested to be relieved from his charge, to allow him to accept an appointment to go to British Columbia.—Adjourned meeting, Jan. 4th.—Mr. McCauley was released from his charge. Arrangements were made for the visitation of all supplemented congregations.

TORONTO, Dec. 7.—A committee, previously appointed to confer with the congregation of Norval and Union Church anent the resignation of Rev. J. Alexander, reported that they had found said congregations to be warmly attached to him, but that seeing he was bent on being released of his pastorate, because of bodily infirmity, they would not oppose the acceptance of his resignation. The Presbytery therefore agreed to cite said congregations to appear for their interests at next meeting. The remit from the General Assembly on the marriage question was taken up. A motion there anent was submitted by Dr. Gregg, and seconded by Rev. J. M. Cameron, substantially disapproving of said remit. In amendment, it was moved by Rev. W. Meikle, and seconded by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, that said remit be approved of. A vote being taken, 11 voted for the amendment and 9 for the motion, so that the amendment carried. Reasons of protest and appeal were read from Rev. W. Inglis against the decision come to by the Presbytery in his case at last meeting. A committee was appointed to prepare answers. Another memorial and petition was read from Mr. Inglis, asking the Presbytery to re-open his case, as he found that a majority of those who voted for the decision come to at last meeting were, in his opinion, interested parties, or that if the request so made should not be granted, that leave might be given him to add another reason to the reasons of protest aforesaid. By a majority, the Presbytery refused to re-open his case, but gave him leave to add the reason appended by him.

OWEN SOUND, Dec. 21st.—Woodford, Johnston and Daywood were erected into a self-sustaining pastoral charge. A call to Mr. J. F. McLaren, of Euphrasia, from Thornbury, &c., was sustained, and parties cited to appear on the 5th of January. Salary promised, \$850. A committee was appointed to further augmentation. Congregations were recommended to form Mission boards or auxiliaries of the Women's Foreign Missions Society. January 5th.—It was resolved not to translate Mr. McLaren to Thornbury and Heathcote. The re-