

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

THE PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at New Glasgow on the 24th inst.

The call from Carleton addressed to Mr. Wm. Stuart was accepted, and the Presbytery agreed to Mr. Stuart's translation; his connection with his present congregation to terminate on the 26th of April.

The call from Vale Colliery and Sutherland's River was put into Mr. McLeod's hands, when he stated that he would like a few weeks time for further consideration. His request was granted, on the understanding that he should give intimation to the clerk of the Presbytery as soon as he reached a decision.

An interesting report on the State of Religion, prepared by Mr. Donald, Convener of the Presbytery's Committee, on that subject, was read, received, adopted, ordered to be published in the local papers, and transmitted to the Convener of the Synod's Committee. It was also agreed to hold a conference on that subject at the next meeting, and the Convener was authorized to make necessary arrangements for the conducting of the Conference.

Mr. Cumming also presented an Interim Report on Temperance, the consideration of which was deferred till next meeting, in order that Sessions which have not yet reported may have further opportunity to furnish information required to make the report more complete.

E. A. McCURDY,
Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND

This presbytery met on the 17th Mar. Rev. Mr. Frame's resignation of the pastoral charge of Mount Stewart and West St. Peter's was accepted to take effect on April 30th. Both the congregation and Presbytery part with Mr. Frame reluctantly, but in the present state of Mr. Frame's health, all parties concur in the acceptance of his resignation, and sincerely hope that by rest from public speaking he may be restored to health, and spared for years of usefulness in the church. Understanding that it is Mr. Frame's intention to reside within our bounds it was agreed to ask the General Assembly for leave to retain his name on the roll of Presbytery.

An extract minute of the Pictou Presbytery having been read intimating that Rev. James Carruthers of Knox Church,

Pictou had accepted the call to St. James' Church, his induction was appointed to take place on the 9th April. It was agreed to apply to the H. M. Board for two probationers and two Catechists for the ensuing Spring and Summer. Rev. J. McLeod is to preach in Valleyfield on 1st Sabbath April.

Rev. Mr. McMillan was recommended to proceed with to the erection of a Presbyterian Church at Kensington.

The Presbytery meets in the old church East St. Peters on the 7th April at 7 o'clock p. m., for Conference with the Congregation, and for general business. The next quarterly meeting will be held in Summerside on 1st Tuesday of May at 11 o'clock a. m.

Europe.

Seven hundred out of 2,141 missionaries sent out by the Moravian Church have died at their post.

The population of Berlin is 1,140,000 souls. Of this great number, by a actual count, only 30,000 attend any church.

The son of Merle d'Aubigne, the historian of the Reformation, and who bears his father's name, is engaged in missionary work in the Savoy.

The Rev. Dr. Parker, of the city Temple, London, has a unique way of announcing the collection. When he concludes his sermon he says: "The offering will now be taken from those who care for these things and from no others." As a rule every one present gives something.

The German government is endeavoring to restrain the use of intoxicating liquors, but with little success. Saloons spring up on every side. There are eleven thousand in Berlin. The *Gazette of Cologne* says that ten thousand persons die of *delirium tremens* every year in Germany. It well describes the intemperance of modern Germany as a "hideous moral plague."

It is sad to hear that the prospects of the gospel in Spain are not brightening. The Ministry of instruction is in the hands of a fanatical Ultramontunist, and he is doing his best to restore in the country all the worst features of medievalism. The number of newly-built convents is legion. Priests, monks, and nuns appear everywhere in increasing swarms. And with the revival of superstition there has come a revival of those habits under which barbarism flourishes. Immorality prevails to an alarming ex-