

ing their scheme for the systematic and more adequate support of the Gospel ministry to be adopted by congregations at their next annual arrangements, or as soon thereafter as possible—appointed parties to meet with sessions, Boards of managers, and congregations, mention the object of the scheme, explain its nature, show its advantages and ascertain when it could be adopted. The appointments are: Mr. Sinclair to Stewiacke; Dr. Smith to Spring-side; Dr McCulloch to Onslow; Mr. Chase to Truro; Mr. Byers to Maitland; and Noel, taking both congregations conjointly; Mr. McLellan to Clifton; Mr. Currie to Acadia; Mr. Ross to Lower Londonderry; Mr. Wyllie to Upper Londonderry; Mr. McKay to Parrsboro'; and Mr. McKinnon to Economy and Five Islands;—these ministers in each case to be accompanied by an elder or other qualified person appointed by his session,—the work to be done, and the delegates prepared to report to Presbytery by the end of November.

Appointed next meeting at Parrsboro' for visitation, on the 1st Wednesday of October—being the 6th day of the month.

A. L. WYLLIE, Clerk.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in James' church, New Glasgow, on the 7th inst., and was constituted by the Rev. George Roddick, moderator, with whom were present the Revs. Dr. Roy, George Walker, A. P. Miller, Alexander Sutherland, James Thompson, John Mackinnon, Alexander Ross, K. J. Grant, and A. J. Mowitt, ministers; and Messrs. Dr. Murray, Chas. Fraser, James Fraser, Duncan McLean, John Miller, James Davison, Hugh Gunn, Alexander Grant, and Alexander Murray, ruling elders.

Commissions from West River session appointing John Mackenzie, from Central church session appointing John D. Cameron, from Primitive church session appointing Dr. Murray, from Merigomish session appointing Wm. Munn, from Hopewell session appointing John McLean, and from Little Harbour session appointing Simon Fraser, to be their respective representative elders in Presbyteries and in Synod during the year, were read, sustained, and the names of these brethren added to the roll.

The Revs. Mr. Richardson, of the Presbytery of Paris, John Stewart and J. B. Watt being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members, and took their seats accordingly.

According to notification, Messrs. Alexander Pollok and Wm. Ross, students of the first year in Dalhousie College receiving The Mackenzie Bursaries, appeared,

and having assured the Presbytery that they had passed their examinations at the close of the last session, the Presbytery were satisfied with this evidence of their diligence, and agreed to continue to them the Bursaries during the ensuing year.

The Rev. Mr. Walker reported that the committee appointed to watch over the interests of the congregation of Little Harbour and Fisher's Grant, met according to appointment at both of these places, and that they found the people unanimous in their desire to apply to the Presbytery at their first meeting for a moderation in a call for one to be their pastor; and that the people of Little Harbour had appointed Robert McNeil, Esq., and Mr. Thomas Foster, and those of Fisher's Grant Mr. John Foster, their commissioners to apply to Presbytery for a moderation in a call. His report was received and the diligence of the committee commended.

The above named commissioners being present, requested the Presbytery in the name of the congregation to appoint one of their number to moderate in a call at as early a date as possible for one to be their pastor. They stated that the stipend promised is \$600 with a manse or glebe.—Their request was granted, and the Rev. Mr. Walker appointed to preach at Little Harbour on the 20th inst., at 5 p. m., and at Fisher's Grant on the following evening at the same hour, and in both places moderate in a call.

The Rev. Alexander Sutherland laid his demission on the table of Presbytery, assigning as a reason inadequacy of support, and a regard for the education and other interests of his family. It was agreed that it lie on the table, and that the congregation be summoned to appear by commissions for their interests at the next meeting of Presbytery. The Rev. Mr. Roddick was appointed to exchange with him on the third Sabbath of this month and intimate this matter from the pulpit, and instruct the session and people to meet on some convenient day previous to the first meeting of Presbytery, in order to consider this matter and appoint their commissioners to appear for them at Presbytery.

Mr. William Grant, preacher, having previously intimated his acceptance of the call to him from Earltown and West Branch, being present, gave in his ordination trials, consisting of a Lecture on 2 Cor. v. 17-21; Sermon on John iii. 37; Exercise and Additions, Col. ii. 10, 11, 12; Hebrew, Psalm xxiii.; Greek New Testament, *ad aper Lib.*; Church History, Arian Controversy and Theology, Original Sin. All these were unanimously sustained.

It was agreed that the next meeting of Presbytery be held in Scotsburn church on the 27th inst., at 2 p. m., and the next day