

PRESBYTERIAL VISITATIONS.

In addition to those indicated in our last, the three other visitations at which we were present were New Glasgow, Stellarton, and Pietou. At the two former, nine out of our ten ministers were present. With the exception of New Glasgow all our charges in towns and villages were visited in the evenings. On Tuesday Feb. 6th, Mr. Galbraith occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's church New Glasgow and preached an eloquent sermon from the text, "For we walk by faith, not by sight," 2 Cor. 5: 7. This was the first occasion on which the congregation has been examined since the appointment of Mr. Coull as minister. It was gratifying to find that under the present pastor, matters are in the same vigorous and healthy state as they were wont to be under Mr. Pollok. Sabbath school, Bible class, Prayer meetings, all flourishing. A large increase has likewise been made to the communion roll.

STELLARTON.—In the evening, St. John's church was comfortably filled by seven o'clock. The worthy pastor of McLennan's Mountain conducted Divine Service and preached from Mark 10: 29: 30. "And Jesus answered and said verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house or brethren &c." Both here and at New Glasgow, Rev. Mr. McMillan acted as Moderator, and prefaced the examination with a few appropriate remarks. All the questions were answered in the most satisfactory manner. Members of Presbytery all seemed to regard Stellarton as a model congregation. They seemed to regard the pastor as another Daniel, of whom we read that the presidents and princes "could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful."

PIETOU was visited on the last night of February, the bright beautiful moonlight enabling a number of the congregation from the country to attend, as

well as those in town. After Divine Service, conducted by Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Coull took the Moderator's chair, and a most satisfactory examination was proceeded with. Mr. Herdman, though having seen his quarter of a century of service in this field, can still keep up with the youngest of the brethren in vigorous energy, and answered his questions with all the precision of a youthful scholar saying the shorter catechism.

At all the three places Mr. Dunn advocated and explained the proposed sustentation scheme which has been everywhere most favorably received.

YOUNG MEN'S BURSARY SCHEME.

Before the disruption of our Synod there was no scheme of our church more generally successful than the Bursary or Young Men's Scheme. It is an old scheme, having been established in 1855, and the one by which our first four young men were sent to the old country, and educated. Every successive relay has drawn from its resources and been indebted to its assistance; so that the good it has effected is invaluable. For the carnal things our people have sown they have received manifold spiritual—living preachers to perambulate the country and proclaim the word of life. Has not that scheme, then, been profitable? Now it is proposed to revive this scheme in connection with our Presbytery, and that for two reasons, first, because a church without a scheme for educating its youth for the ministry is incomplete; and secondly because we have not at present as many schemes as we had formerly and we may well afford, therefore, to add this one.

First, it belongs to a church to seek out qualified youths, and rear them for the ministry. She should early ask "who will lend their Samuels unto the Lord?" and take note of such as exhibit any special fitness for the sacred service