

that will not be like the impulse imparted by any created power. This, however great, at length becomes spent. That which you, as minister of this place, may be enabled by the Spirit of God to give to his work, will by an unseen arm, be carried down with increasing power long ages after you shall have gone to your reward. You have around you old men hasting to eternity, make haste to save them. You have among your people men with many worldly cares, and men with few troubles but increasing in their worldly good, both of whom are in great danger, be faithful in warning them of their danger. You are surrounded by the young; cultivate the tender plant. If so, you will in your old age have about you a congregation of godly men and women looking up to you as their spiritual father. I this day give over unto you some of the dearest of my pastoral charge. I can wish nothing greater than that they may afford as much happiness to you as they have ever done to me.

Mr Wyllie then addressed the people. His remarks throughout had special reference to them as a new congregation. He spoke of the new affections which they required to cultivate; of the increased exertions they would require to make, and of the greater responsibilities under which they were laid.

The congregation appeared throughout to be highly interested, and were evidently thinking that they were entering upon a new era. May their highest expectations be more than realized!

**PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.**—The Presbytery of Pictou met at Merigomish on Tuesday, 15th ult. The most important business before them was the consideration of the Rev. A. P. Miller's demission of the charge of the congregation of Merigomish, for some time lying on the table of Presbytery. Mr. Miller pressed upon the Presbytery the acceptance of his demission, and no opposition having been offered by the congregation, the Presbytery unanimously agreed to accept of the same, and to dissolve the pastoral relation between him and the said congregation. The Rev D. B. Blair was appointed to preach in Merigomish on the following Sabbath, and intimate the decision of the Presbytery. Supply of preaching was appointed from the members of Presbytery till its next meeting. The Rev. Mr. Downie reported his proceedings in the election of Elders at Goshen. The Edict having been served, and objections against their induction having been overruled by the Presbytery, a commission was appointed to induct them and constitute them in the usual manner, and afterward to administer sealing ordinances.

The Presbytery met on the following day at New Glasgow. A report was read of the Rev. James Watson's conduct as moderator in a call from the congregation of River John. The said call, which had come out in favour of the Rev. Hector McKay, of Salmon River, New Brunswick, by a very large majority, was laid upon the table of Presbytery, signed by 112 communicants, and a paper of adherence signed by 161 ordinary hearers. Commissioners appeared on behalf of the congregation, urging the sustaining of the call, and a petition was also presented in opposition. On motion, it was agreed to allow the call to lie upon the table of Presbytery till next meeting, and in the meantime appoint a committee to visit River John, and make farther inquiries and report to next meeting of Presbytery. After the transaction of some other business, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Prince Street Church, Pictou, on the first Wednesday of March.

**PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.**—The court met in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, on Wednesday the 30th and Thursday 31st ult. The Rev. Mr. Sedgwick, Moderator, in the Chair. There were present, Rev. Professor King, J. L. Murdoch, P. G. McGregor, Wm. Duff, John Cameron, James McLean, John McLeod, Wm. Forlong, Wm. Murray, A. W. McKay, and A. McKnight, Ministers, and Messrs. Charles Robson, James Forman, and Hiram Smith, Elders.

The Rev Mr. Steele's demission of his pastoral charge of the congregation of Bridgewater was accepted, and the pastoral relation between him and the congregation dissolved. Messrs. Duff and Steele were appointed to supply the congregation for three months.