

to take my place when I had gone? He was pleased at the suggestion, but said he must consult others, and would let me know. At the same time I engaged, upon our return next summer, to resume my labors and do all I should be able. I also enjoined upon the nine young men the duty of teaching others, which they promised to do. Thus, from this humble beginning, and that altogether the finger of God, the English language may travel inward over Japan, and Christianity with it. The Japanese have got the idea, that the Dutch language is really obsolete and useless, and that the English is universal, and

indispensable in the new position of Japan, through legalized commerce and intercourse with other nations and all nations. They are also more favorably disposed towards us than towards France and England, since they are assured we have no plans of seizure and annexation. They are a most interesting and hopeful race, and need only Christian light to elevate them at once into the highest civilization. Some faint ideas of Christianity, I imagine, still remain, and certainly they hold their priests in extreme contempt, and are seldom to be seen at their temples and worship.

## NEWS OF THE CHURCH.

### PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at New Glasgow, on the 23rd February. A report was received from the Rev. James Byers, of his proceedings in the moderation of a call from the congregation of New Annan, which had come out unanimously in favor of the Rev. James Watson. The said call, largely signed, was laid upon the table of Presbytery. On motion, Mr. Byers' conduct was approved, and the call sustained in which he had moderated. Mr. Watson being present, the call was presented to him, when he intimated his acceptance of it. His induction was appointed to take place on the 15th March.

The Presbytery accordingly met for his induction on that day. The Rev. John McKinnon preached an appropriate sermon from Rom. 1. 16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." The Rev. David Roy, Moderator, narrated the steps, and offered the induction prayer, after which Mr. Watson received the right hand of fellowship from the members of Presbytery present. The Rev. George Walker then delivered a charge to the newly inducted minister, and the Rev. James Bayne addressed the people. The audience was large and attentive throughout, and it is hoped that the blessing of the Great Head of the Church may smile upon the union now formed.

### PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

The Presbytery of Halifax in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, met in Halifax, on Wed-

nesday March 2d., for the transaction of ordinary business.

A Call from the Congregation of Newport in favor of Rev. J. M. McLeod, of St. Eleanors P. E. Island, numerously signed, together with a paper also numerously signed by adherents, expressing cordial concurrence in the call, were laid upon the table. The congregation offer as a salary £150 per annum, with the use of a manse, which will be finished next summer. All the steps connected with the call having been regularly taken, it was sustained, and the Clerk directed to forward it to the Clerk of the P. E. Island Presbytery, for presentation to Mr. McLeod.

The application from Shelburne Congregation, for a division into two, was then taken up, in connection with the application of the Western section for a supplement to enable them, if separated, to offer suitable support to a Pastor. It was agreed to forward the application to the Board of Home Missions, and to delay granting the division until the question of aid could be answered. Meanwhile the Rev. James Waddell was appointed to labor within that congregation co-operating with Mr. Clark, for two months, commencing on the 3rd Sabbath of March.

It was agreed that Mr. Samuel F. Johnston be sent to Sheet Harbor and adjacencies on a mission, commencing early in April.

The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Windsor, on the first Tuesday in May, at 11 o'clock, A. M.—*P. Witness.*