

In reference to a request to that effect the Presbytery agreed to hold a visitation at Scotsburn on the 18th inst., at 1 o'clock, p. m., Mr. Sinclair to preach.

The following arrangements were made for the supply of vacancies:

Scotsburn:—Mr. Anderson Rogers Sept. 10th; Mr. H. Crawford, Sept. 24th. Saltsprings:—Mr. Thomas Cumming, Sept. 17th, at 3 p. m.; Mr. Wm. Stuart, Oct. 1st, at 3 p. m.; Mr. Robert Cumming, Oct. 15th, at 3 p. m.

Vale Colliery and Sutherland's River: Mr. Maxwell, Sept. 19th and 24th; Mr. H. Crawford, Sept. 17th.

Glenelg and Caledonia:—Mr. H. Crawford, Sept. 10th; Mr. A. Rogers, Sept. 17th and 24th; Mr. A. McL. Sinclair, Oct. 1st, with a view to the dispensation of the Lord's Supper at East River, St. Mary's.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Scotsburn on the 18th inst., at 1 o'clock, p. m.

E. A. McCURDY, *Clerk*.

VISITATION AT SCOTSBURN.

The Presbytery of Pictou held an adjourned meeting at Scotsburn on the 18th Sep.

The first business was the visitation of the congregations of Scotsburn and Saltsprings at the close of which the following resolutions were adopted:

The Presbytery rejoices to find that the elders have been performing their duty, and that the congregation has been faithful in discharging its obligations to its pastor. The Presbytery hope that the congregation will go on prospering, and pray that the Great Head of the church may soon send them a pastor who will go in and out before them breaking into them the bread of life.

With reference to the business which led the congregation to request a visitation, the following finding was unanimously reached. The Presbytery having heard the statements of each party do not regard these statements as at all affecting the character of any individual, earnestly recommend the brethren to allow the whole matter to drop, to forgive and as far as possible to forget the past, and for the future live together in harmony, and seek the things that make for peace.

A petition from sixty-nine persons formerly members and adherents of Central church congregation, W. River, requesting that they might be organized as a section in connection with the congregation of Scotsburn and Saltsprings, and another from the managers of Scotsburn

expressing their desire for the same object, were submitted when after the hearing of parties it was agreed to defer the further consideration of the matter till the next regular meeting of the Presbytery in November, and that in the meantime notice be given to the session of the United congregation, W. River, and of the congregation of Scotsburn and Saltsprings.

Arrangements were made for the induction of Dr. Murray at a special meeting of the Presbytery to be held at the Vale on Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, at 8½ o'clock, p. m. Mr. A. McLeod was appointed to preach, Mr. Alex. McLean to address the ministers and Mr. D. McGregor the people.

Presbytery of Sydney.

This Presbytery has been holding a series of visitations at Gabarus, Framboise, Grand River, and Loch Lomond.

VISITATION AT GABARUS.

Presbytery met at Gabarus Sep. 5. Present—nine ministers and four elders.

Rev. J. McDonald preached after which the Presbytery proceeded with the visitation. This is one of the weaker congregations of the church, but is trying to do its duty according to its ability. The pastor Rev. D. Sutherland has labored earnestly and faithfully here for a number of years, and the good seed has not been without its fruit.

VISITATION AT FRAMBOISE.

Presbytery met at Framboise on Sep. 6th, *Sederunt at Supra*.

After the Sermon by Rev. J. A. Forbes the usual questions were asked of Ministers, Elders, Session, and Managers after which the following finding was adopted.

That the Presbytery are pleased to note the diligence of minister, elders and managers, as shown by the examination, but it regrets to find that so little is given for the schemes of the church and especially that the managers have to report \$258 of arrears in this section of the congregation. The Presbytery cannot entertain the proposition of the managers asking to be relieved from the obligation to pay a certain proportion of this amount. On the contrary it would enjoin on managers and on every adherent of the congregation to take immediate steps to pay up those arrears in full and thus save their character for honesty and honour.