

and Alberton on the 3rd Sabbath or November, on which last day Rev. M. Carr is (D. V.) to dispense the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in Lot 14. Rev. John Murray was appointed to visit the gaelic speaking population of Sheep River and preach to them on 2nd Sabbath of December. Mr. Murray was also appointed to preach once a fortnight, in Summerfield till the end of December, and at New London North, at 3 1/2 o'clock on Sabbath, Nov. 9th. Rev. Mr. Laird was appointed to give two days supply to the same congregation in the month of December; and Rev. Mr. McKay to preach at Lot 16 on 2nd Saturday of November at 3 o'clock.

The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Charlottetown on 3rd Tuesday of November, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

J. M. McLeod,
Presbytery Clerk.

Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax met in Middle and Upper Musquodoboit on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 19 and 20. The principal business was the examination for license of Messrs. Hugh Scott and John Wallace, and the visitation of the congregation. Both of these young men passed very highly creditable examinations, and were licensed to preach the Gospel. The visitation of the congregation was very satisfactory. As was expected, the Presbytery found that the Pastor was faithful in the discharge of his duties, abundant in labors and much blessed in his work. None of our Ministers can face a Presbyterial visitation more satisfactorily than the honored Pastor of Musquodoboit. The state of religion throughout the bounds of the congregation is in most respects very encouraging. The whole community may be described as God-fearing, sober, Sabbath-loving, in a word, religious. The Presbytery felt, however, that the congregation was too large, and perhaps as a consequence of this not sufficiently liberal and aggressive. The congregation was urged to take the matter of division into consideration, to put forth greater efforts for the schemes of the Church. It was agreed that at the next regular meeting in Halifax all the remits of Synod be taken up and disposed of. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Halifax for the ordination of Mr. Junor, Missionary to Bermuda.

Presbytery of St John.

This Presbytery met at Moncton on the 21st Oct. A resolution was passed protesting against the conduct of the Antigonish rioters, and expressing sympathy with Messrs. Goodfellow and Chiniquy. \$224 have been raised to aid the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and more will yet be done.

Mr. Bearisto withdrew his resignation. Rev. J. D. Murray was inducted into the charge of Buctouche. Rev. Mr. Gray reported a very interesting visit to the New Kincardine settlement. The next meeting will be held on the 3rd Dec.

Presbytery of Truro.

This Presbytery met at Truro on the 28th October. The attendance was large, all the ministers being present during the day. The Rev. Dr. McCulloch gave notice of a motion anent Presbyterial visitation. The Moderator, the Rev. A. L. Wyllic, read a report of the Commission appointed to organize a congregation at Maccan. The report was received and the diligence of the convener approved. The Rev. Dr. McCulloch and J. F. Blanchard, Esq., were appointed a committee to take measures to secure the site promised some time ago by the proprietors of Acadia Iron Mines for a church in that locality.

The Presbytery expressed its approval of the proposed County Sabbath School Convention, and pledged itself to co operate with those taking the lead in the movement, but was of opinion that the Convention could not be well held this season.

The Report of the Commission on the Antigonish Riot was received, and the following resolution passed:

"That while this Presbytery is of opinion that the rioters ought to be prosecuted in regular course of law, and is disposed to aid the Pictou Presbytery in aiming at such a result, it considers that that Presbytery is in the best position to determine what the interests of order and religion require."

The subject of Union being taken up, it was moved by the clerk, and seconded by the Rev. E. Smith, that the Presbytery accept the Basis of Union as agreed upon by the Synod.

Moved in amendment by the Rev. J. McG. McKay, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. McCulloch, that,

"Whereas no circumstances have arisen under Providence pointing to the necessity of the proposed Union between the Presbyterian Churches of British America.

"And whereas the range of territory to be embraced by the said Union is so extensive as to render the united body exceedingly unwieldy, and the working of it in many respects impracticable, besides entailing on the people largely increased expense, and the closing up of many churches for a number of Sabbaths every year in order to attend General Assemblies.

"And whereas the churches to be united hold different and antagonistic views on principles and practices affecting the discipline and worship of the Church, the result of which would be either to produce