

At the quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou on Wednesday, 26th Feb., the following appointments were made for the current year:

NEW GLASGOW.

- Sab. 9th March—Mr. Herdman.
- Sab. 23rd " —Mr. Fitzpatrick.
- Sab. 6th April—Mr. McMillan.
- Sab. 20th " —Mr. Stewart.
- Sab. 4th May—Mr. Dunn.
- Sab. 18th " —Mr. McMillan.

FISHER'S GRANT.

- Sab. 23rd March (3p.m.)—Mr. Fitzpatrick
- Sab. 20th April, " —Mr. Stewart.
- Sab. 18th May, " —Mr. McMillan.

FALLS (EARLTOWN.)

- Sab. 16th March—Mr. Fraser.
- (Mr McKay to preach at Cape John that day.) R. McC.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

COLLECTION FOR PRESBYTERY SERVICES.

Pictou	\$12 00
Rogers Hill	5 00
Gairloch	4 00
Hopewell	1 00

CASH RECEIVED FOR RECORD FOR 1879.

W. Fraser, Esq., N. Glasgow	\$13 00
W. McLean & Co., per Jas. Hislop, Esq.,	2 00
R. Maxwell, Lime Rock	2 00
A. McBean, per D. F. Power	4 00
Thomas McBain, St. Marys	50
Donald Fraser, Esq., A. Farm	1 50

CASH FOR 1877 AND 1878.

Rev. A. J. McKichan, Barneys River	20 00
Rev. P. Galbraith	20 00
Mr. McDonald, Elder Gairloch, including \$2.10 from R. Munro, Middle River	} 5 10
J. W. F.	

OUR OWN CHURCH.

The Rev. J. Fitzpatrick, B. A., was ordained and inducted to the pastoral charge of Saltsprings. Notwithstanding the fact that the snow lay heavy on the ground, the attendance both of ministers and people was large. The congregation has, with its usual liberality hauled a large supply of wood and coal for the newly inducted minister, and no doubt they intend to fence the Glebe when the spring comes, and by this graceful act set a good example to others. Their church is one of the largest in the county. Over a year ago they added to it, and largely increased its seating capacity. A great improvement will be made when trees are planted about it.

According to the latest reports the plague is abating in Russia. That huge empire is now overwhelmed with debt. Discontent prevails among its people. Many of the different races of which it is comprised are disaffected towards government, and are only kept under by the sword.

Our late Governor General Lord Dufferin, has been appointed British Minister to St. Petersburg. This appointment shows that politics are not so acrid and savage in Britain as on this side the water. Lord Dufferin a Liberal is nominated to one of the most important offices in the gift of the crown by Beaconsfield, the Conservative Premier of England.

The public conscience in Britain is much more developed as to public affairs than here. It is no longer an article of faith there, that all virtue is confined to the party one happens to adhere to. Those who differ from one in opinion are not looked on as wholly reprobate. The fact is that ordinary men are tired of the squabbles of theologians, politicians, and loud mouthed demagogues generally. There is a moderation and calmness in political matters not found here. Personal feeling does not show itself; men who differ in their views as to church and state can conduct the affairs of a bank or college or other institution for the public benefit in perfect harmony.

Rev. Mr. Galbraith was presented with a Fur Cap and an Easy Chair, by some of the ladies of his congregation.