

that the stipend offered is \$700 per annum. Their request was granted, and the Rev. Mr. Ross was appointed to preach in their church on Tuesday, August 8, at 12 o'clock noon, and moderate in the call.

Mr. Samuel McNaughton applied to be certified to the Divinity Hall. He presented a Diploma from Dalhousie College for the Degree of M. A., was examined as to his motives in desiring to study for the gospel ministry, and the Presbytery being satisfied, agreed to certify him accordingly.

JOHN MACKINNON, *Clerk*.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in Salem Church, Green Hill, on the 15th Aug., and was constituted by the Rev. George Roddick, Moderator *pro tem*, with whom were present the Revs. John Stewart, George Walker, James Bayne, D. D., George Patterson, Jas. Thompson, John Mackinnon, Alexander Ross, Alexander Stirling, E. A. McCurdy, A. J. Mowitt and Wm. Grant, Ministers, and Messrs. Peter Ross, Donald Ross, J. A. Fraser, Thomas Proudfoot and Wm. Smith, Ruling Elders.

The Revs. A. L. Wyllie, Hector MacKay, Robert Fleming, of Ontario, and Hugh Robertson, Missionary, were present as corresponding members. The Rev. Alexander Ross, having arrived, took the Moderator's chair.

The Rev. Mr. Stirling preached an earnest and a suitable sermon from Acts xxvi. 18. The Rev. Mr. Stewart presided, narrated the steps which led to Mr. McKenzie being appointed as a foreign missionary, put to him the questions of the formula, which he satisfactorily answered, and offered prayer whereby and with the laying on the hands of Presbytery, he was ordained to the Gospel ministry and to the foreign mission work—thereafter he received the right had of fellowship from the Presbytery, and his name was added to their Roll. The Rev. Mr. Patterson addressed him on the importance of his work, the Rev. Mr. Mowitt addressed the people on the duty of supporting foreign missions by their contributions, sympathies and prayers, and the Rev. Mr. Wyllie concluded the services with prayer.

Commissions from the following Sessions, appointing their representative elders to the Presbytery and Synod during the current year were read and sustained, viz., from the Session of Salem Church, Green Hill, appointing Mr. Daniel McLeod, from the Session of Central Church, West River, appointing Mr. Hugh McLeod, from the Session of West River Church, appointing Mr. Duncan Mackay, from the Session of Knox's Church, Pictou, appointing Alexander Mackay, Esq., from the Session of Primitive Church, appointing Mr. Wm. Smith, and from the Session of Sharon

Church, appointing John Matheson, Esq. The names of these brethren were added to the Roll of Presbytery.

The Rev. Mr. Ross reported that according to appointment he had preached in John Knox's Church, New Glasgow, on the 8th inst., and moderate in a Call which came unanimously in favor of the Rev. Thomas Cumming, that it was signed by the Rev. Mr. Stewart and by all the elders and trustees—that it contained the signatures of 117 communicants and 177 adherents, and that Hugh J. Cameron, Esq., and Mr. Wm. Martin were appointed as commissioners to the Presbytery to prosecute the Call.

The Commissioners urged on the Presbytery to send the Call to Mr. Cumming as soon as possible. Mr. Ross' conduct was approved—the Call sustained as a regular Gospel Call, and the Clerk instructed to send it without any delay to Mr. Cumming.

The Rev. Robert Fleming was appointed to preach at Antigonish on the 4th Sabbath of August, and at Merigomish on the 1st Sabbath of Sept.

The Rev. Mr. Mowitt was appointed to preach in John Knox's Church on the 4th Sabbath of August, in the evening.

The Presbytery agreed to hold their next meeting in John Knox's Church, New Glasgow, on the 29th Aug., at 11 o'clock, A. M., to discuss the Union question, and for ordinary business.

All the members of the Presbytery are requested to be present.

JOHN MACKINNON, *Clerk*.

Presbytery of Halifax.

This Presbytery met at Dartmouth on Tuesday. The attendance was large.—Among other things Professor McKnight having called attention to the state of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, the Presbytery agreed to refer the matter to Sessions that they might take steps to increase the Fund. The evening was devoted to the visitation of the congregation. Rev. J. D. McGillivray preached a very able discourse on John 14; 12. The visitation was very satisfactory, and shewed that the congregation had made rapid progress. Mr. Falconer has been in charge of the congregation for less than two years, but the progress made has been very marked and the future is full of promise. On Wednesday the Presbytery met in Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, and took up the remit of Synod concerning Union.

Moved Rev. John Cameron, and seconded by Rev. A. Simpson:

1. That this Presbytery adopt the proposed Basis as a platform of Union between the four negotiating churches.