

*pro tem.*, Revds. N. Brodie, W. Stewart, R. McCunn, J. W. Fraser, and W. McMillan, ministers; and W. Gordon, Esq., J. A. McLean, A. McDonald, John McLean, Adam McKenzie, Esq., and W. Cameron, elders.

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and sustained.

The Rev. Mr. McDougall being present, was heartily welcomed and invited to sit and deliberate as a member of court. He stated that the Secretary to the Colonial Committee was absent from his post when he (Mr. McDougall) was leaving Scotland, in consequence of which he had not received his commission, but that he expected to have it before next meeting of Presbytery.

The call and relative documents from East and West Branches East River to Rev. D. McRae, were submitted for consideration; anent which it was moved by Mr. McCunn, seconded by Mr. McMillan, and *Resolved*, That the Presbytery sustain the Call and Bonds, at the same time, understanding that West Branch congregation is willing and able by themselves to support a minister, do so with the recommendation that as soon as circumstances render it desirable a disjunction may be effected,—Mr. Brodie dissenting in the following terms:—"Mr. Brodie dissents, as now there is no reason for the ecclesiastical union continued in these large charges, and that it is not wise, nor for the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, as he judges."

It was further *Resolved*, That the Clerk be instructed to forward said documents to the Halifax Presbytery, requesting them to call a meeting as soon as possible to consider them, and to release the Rev. D. McRae from his charge in Newfoundland with as little delay as convenient.

The following appointments were then made for the current quarter:—Rev. J. W. Fraser to be at Cape John, Oct. 9th; McLennan's Mountain, Oct. 16th; West Branch River John, Oct. 23rd; Roger's Hill, Oct. 30th; Lochaber, Nov. 6th.—after the fulfilment, to return to Cape Breton. Rev. D. McDougall to be at Barney's River, Oct. 9th and 16th; West Branch River John, Oct. 23rd; Albion Mines, Oct. 30th; Gairloch, Nov. 6th,—alternating between Earltown and West Branch, Nov. 13th, 20th, and 27th. Rev. N. Brodie to be at Broad Cove one Sabbath in November. Rev. Mr. Pollok, at Albion Mines, Oct. 16th, 7 P.M.

Mr. W. Cameron, McLennan's Mountain, tabled a document from McLennan's Mountain congregation, and requested that the Presbytery would make arrangements for disposing of part of Mr. Stewart's services. *Resolved* to let it lie on the table until next meeting.

Adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on Wednesday, the 7th Dec., at 11 A.M. Closed with the benediction.

W. McMILLAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

## NEWS OF THE CHURCH.

**Arrival of our Foreign Missionary at Aneiteum.**—The friends of our Mission in the New Hebrides will be glad to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Goodwill arrived safely at Aneiteum early in May, after a very long passage of five weeks from the port of Melbourne. All the missionaries in the group were well, and their annual meeting was to be held at Aname, Aneiteum, in June, at which meeting Mr. Goodwill's field of future labour most probably would be fixed.

**Mr. Hugh Robertson** has returned to Halifax to resume his studies in the U. P. Divinity Hall. During the past few months he has completed a tour, lecturing in as many of the congregations, both of the Church and the sister Presbyterian Church, as he could overtake. He visited the Pictou and Island Presbyteries. He hoped to have overtaken New Brunswick and Cape Breton, but was unable. A report of his visit to the Churches will appear next month.