

Rev. Mr. Ross read the resolutions passed by the congregation, and Messrs. McKeen and Smith appeared before the Presbytery as commissioners.

**PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.**—The Presbytery of Pictou met at Prince Street Church, Pictou, on Wednesday, 6th of March. The attendance was large, there being no less than seventeen ministers present. We can recollect when the largest of our Synods would scarcely have as many members present. Commissioners appeared from Merigomish soliciting supply of preaching from the Presbytery, and submitting their subscription list which amounted to £112. The request was granted, and the Rev. David Honeyman appointed to supply them till the next meeting of Presbytery. A petition was presented from parties on the French River of Merigomish praying to be disjoined from that congregation and created into a separate congregation, and that the Presbytery appoint one of their number to moderate in a call to one to be their pastor. After some discussion it was resolved to remit the matter to those sessions which will be affected by such a formation, to report thereon at next meeting of Presbytery. The Committee appointed to visit River John reported that they had fulfilled that duty, and made full enquiry into the circumstances of the congregation, now recommended the Presbytery to sustain the call to the Rev. Hector McKay, now lying on the table of Presbytery. The Presbytery accordingly sustained the call and the clerk was appointed to give the requisite intimations.

The Presbytery then took into consideration a memorial from Rev. Dr. Smith, regarding appointments which had not been kept. Rev. Mr. Sutherland had sent explanations which were perfectly satisfactory, but Rev. Mr. Miller had not done so. The Presbytery resolved to require explanations of Mr. Miller at next meeting.

We have received the following note from the Rev. A. P. MILLER :—  
To the Editor of the Home and Foreign Record, of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America.

DEAR SIR,—

In the February number of the *Record*, under head "Our Church News," you give a report of the proceedings of the Presbytery of Pictou, January 15th at Merigomish: in which you state correctly, that "Mr. Miller pressed upon the Presbytery the acceptance of his demission;" but you add very incorrectly, "and no opposition having been offered by the congregation, the Presbytery unanimously agreed to accept of the same." That the Presbytery unanimously agreed to accept the demission is unquestionable; but that *there was no opposition offered*, is a statement contrary to fact. As the report that "*there was no opposition offered*," is contradicted by some who were present, and has been made the subject of enquiry, on the part of others at a distance, if the whole congregation were really passive, in allowing my demission to be accepted by the Presbytery; I may state, that so far was this from being the case, in pressing my demission, I did so with an explicit reservation in favor of documents, lying at that time on the table of the Presbytery. These papers were, a unanimous resolution expressive of continued attachment to me and the desire to retain my services as a pastor; two subscription lists, one of about £50 from the French River, and another of £10 from Sutherland's River, for the support of ordinances and a list of sixty-one (or nearly one-half) of the members of the congregation and two elders. These papers (including sixty-one heads of families) were supported by two commissioners, representing French River and Piedmont districts. I may also mention that I encouraged these movements by an offer to give a regular supply of public ordinances, relying in part on my own resources, and thus by way of experiment implement for a season, their "lack of service," feeling confident from my own knowledge of the people and their progressive liberality; that, by a little assistance, they will some day, and perhaps it is not very far distant, become a self-sustaining congregation. As to the force of the "no opposition offered by the congregation, to the acceptance of my demission by the Presbytery, I will now leave you and your readers, to form your own conclusions.

I am, dear sir, yours very truly,

Abercomby Place, Maxwellton, March 12th, 1861.

A. P. MILLER.