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W. BRANCH R. J.—On Tuesday the 11th. the Pictou Presbytery met by appointment at West Branch R. J.: present Rev. A. J. McKichan, moderator; W. Stewart, J. W. Fraser, R. McCunn, C. Dunn, and W. McMillan. After sermon by the Rev. W. McMillan, the Presbytery was constituted. The Moderator explained the object of the meeting. Statements were heard from members of the congregation, with regard to their present circumstances, it appeared that from some misunderstanding the West Branch Congregation had not joined in the call given to Mr. Stewart by Earltown and the Falls. It was suggested that the West Branch Congregation have another opportunity given them to join in the call, whereupon the Rev. Mr. Stewart brought the matter to a summary conclusion by intimating that under present circumstances he could not see his way clear to accept of said call in the meantime. A request was afterwards made to the Presbptery on behalf of West Branch, for the services for one year of an English speaking missionary, with a view to labour likewise at Earltown and the Falls, and thus secure regular service to this large and interesting field.

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### *Editor Monthly Record.*

DEAR SIR.—The RECORD for November has been sent me by some person, and as there are a few statements therein, arising out of the proceedings of Presbytery, and the editorial comments thereon, calculated to mislead, I crave the use of your columns for the purpose of making a few explanations, and putting myself right in the eyes of the public.

1. It is not true that I "intimated in my letter to Mr. McKay of Gairloch, that a full explanation was made to the Saltsprings congregation," but I did say that I had written Alexr. McKay, Esq., M. P. P., and given him a "full explanation."

2. The "Canadian newspaper" containing a report of my induction here, was sent by me to Mr. Alexr. McKay, M. P. P., but it did not contain a report of my "Induction" but a very full report of the proceedings of Glengarry Presbytery in reference to my resignation of the charge of Finch—of the reception accorded the delegates from Finch opposed to my translation—of the call from this place, and the action of the Presbytery in reference to the whole matter.

3. When I stated in my letter to Mr. Alex. McKay, that I traced the hand of Providence in the call from Saltsprings, I expressed my sincere and honest convictions, and I was led to this conclusion simply because it was the "accident of an accident" that brought me to Saltsprings at all, and not because I was looking out for a new sphere of labour in the Maritime Provinces. The Rev'd D. McKay, whom I had known in Scotland, twenty years ago—wrote me to Halifax, asking me to assist him during the communion season at Saltsprings. I cheerfully complied, and the result is well known.

4. My correspondence with the Rev'd Mr. McKay and the Secretary of the congregation will prove that I was resolved on proceeding to Saltsprings; but I deny, as stated in the minutes of Presbytery, that I "insisted" on fixing an early day for my Induction; but the Presbytery kindly did this without any solicitations from me.

5. It is scarcely fair to insinuate that I was actuated by pecuniary motives—for the stipend promised me here is much smaller than that offered and declined, and I stated this in my letter to A. McKay, Esq.; but when the public are informed that I was not only, by going to Saltsprings, running the risk of losing \$200 per annum, but \$400 of a retiring allowance, I think I was gratified in hesitating before doing what I might perhaps afterwards, when too late, regret.