

MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, September 4, 1861:

Which time and place the Presbytery of Pictou met according to adjournment, and was constituted. Sederunt—Rev. Thomas Tallach, Moderator; Messrs. Pollok, Mackay, Christie, Macgregor, Macmillan, Sinclair and McCurdy, Ministers; John Mackay, Esquire, and Mr. Duncan Macdougall, Elders.

The minutes were read and sustained as correct. The Rev. Daniel McCurdy was unanimously chosen Moderator for the current year, and the thanks of the Synod accorded to the Rev. Thomas Tallach, the retiring Moderator, for his courteous conduct while in the chair.

Commissions were presented in favor of the following elders—namely, from the Session of St. Andrew's, Pictou, in favor of Donald Allan Fraser; from St. Andrew's, New Glasgow, in favor of John Mackay, Esquire; from St. Matthew's, Wallace, in favor of Mr. Alexander Ross; from St. Matthew's, Pugwash, in favor of Mr. Charles Olton; from Barney's River, in favor of Mr. Duncan Macdougall. Commissions were sustained, and their names ordered to be added to the Roll.

The Rev. Thomas Duncan, of Charlotte-town, being present, was requested to sit and deliberate.

There was read a letter from Dr. Macgillivray, stating that for some time he had been unable to discharge the duties of his office, and requesting pulpit supplies from the Presbytery for the next three months.

The following Kirk Sessions paid the sum of £1 towards the salary of the Clerk of the Presbytery, namely, Pictou, New Glasgow, Earlton, West River and Gairloch, Roger's Hill, E. & W. Branches East River, Wallace.

Mr. Sinclair was appointed to supply the pulpit of St. Andrew's, Pictou, on Sabbath the 15th September, and Mr. Mackay on Sabbath the 29th.

Messrs. Macgregor and Pollok were appointed to dispense the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Barney's River on Sabbath the 29th of September.

Mr. Grant reported that agreeably to instructions he had ordained Messrs. Archibald Macphee and Alexander Cameron to the office of the eldership in Lochaber congregation.

Mr. Macgregor was appointed to ordain the elders elect in St. Mary's at his convenience.

John Mackay, Esquire, made the usual application for supplement to Maclellan's Mountain. It was moved by Mr. Pollok, seconded by Mr. Tallach, and unanimously agreed to, that with reference to letter of Colonial Committee, a Committee be appointed to draw up a letter to the Committee, giving an

account of the proceedings taken, the information elicited, and the whole circumstances, and respectfully request the Committee not to disturb the present arrangements for the space of half a year to come. Committee—Messrs. Pollok and Macgregor, and John Mackay, Esq. The Clerk was authorised to certify the above application in the usual form.

Messrs. Christie, Sinclair and Mackay, were appointed to supply the pulpit of Maclellan's Mountain on the first Sabbath of October, November and December, respectively.

With respect to the application for supplement to the congregation of Pugwash, tabled at last ordinary meeting, it was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the Presbytery authorise the Clerk to grant certificate for the past half year, with instructions to write the Pugwash congregation, stating that unless within the current half year, ending February 2, 1862, a considerable addition be made to their proportion of the minister's stipend, the Presbytery will be unable to solicit further supplement from the Colonial Committee.

There was laid on the table a call from Barney's River and Lochaber to the Rev. Peter Mackichan. The Presbytery agree to transmit copies of the documents to the Colonial Committee, and to Mr. Mackichan; in the one case urging Mr. Mackichan to comply with the request contained therein, and in the other case respectfully requesting the Colonial Committee to correspond with Mr. Mackichan, and if possible, to appoint him as a missionary, to labor within the districts of Lochaber, St. Mary's, and Barney's River.

It was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that £150 sterling of the monies received for missionary services, and in the hands of the Treasurer, be remitted to the Colonial Committee.

The Clerk was authorised to grant to Mr. McCurdy an order for £10, to be paid him from the funds of the Home Mission.

Mr. John Gordon appeared before the Presbytery to be examined previous to entering the Divinity Hall. Mr. Gordon was examined upon his knowledge of literature, science and philosophy, particularly Latin and Greek: also upon his knowledge of the Christian Religion, as it is exhibited in the Catechetical standards of the Church. The Presbytery have much pleasure in recording their high gratification at the very satisfactory and creditable appearance made by Mr. Gordon, and enjoin the Clerk to grant the usual certificate.

Mr. Tallach was appointed to preach at Barney's River, on Sabbath the 27th of October; Mr. Macgregor at Lochaber, on Sabbath the 17th November; Mr. Herdman at Barney's River, on Sabbath 8th December, and Mr. Macmillan at Lochaber, on Sabbath 29th December.