

consciences of their people, and all sound Protestants, to come forth in this crisis of our country, as one man, sinking all minor differences in defence of our School System, the brightness of their children, and transmit it to posterity as the noblest inheritance of an earthly description they can bequeath."

The Rev. Mr. McGregor reported that he had been engaged, during the last five weeks, in carrying out the instructions of Synod, in the advocacy of the Supplementary Fund, within our bounds, that so far he had been enabled to fulfil the appointments of Presbytery, and that he had everywhere met with much encouragement and sympathy with the scheme; but owing to the difficulty of travelling he deemed it advisable to postpone his visits to those congregations, not yet overtaken, till some future time. The Presbytery agreed to express their satisfaction with Mr. McGregor's visits, their conviction that they will be productive of much benefit to the church, and their approval of his decision to postpone his visits to the congregations in the eastern part of the Presbytery, for another season, when they will be pleased again to see and welcome him in their midst.

Adjourned to meet in the church in Murray Harbour South, on the second Wednesday of January 1869, for the ordination of Mr. Lawson, Mr. J. G. Cameron to preach; Mr. McNeill preside and ordain, Mr. Allan to address the minister, and Mr. Munro the people.

ALEX. FALCONER, *Psy. Clerk.*

Kirk Presbytery of P. E. Island.

The following is an extract from the Minutes of a meeting of the Presbytery of P. E. Island in connection with the Church of Scotland, held at Charlottetown, on Thursday, the 5th inst:—

"After some remarks on the movement now in agitation, for the purpose of effecting serious changes in the system of education at present established, the Presbytery felt constrained to express their concern for the injurious consequences to the community, certain to ensue, should this agitation unfortunately prove successful.

"It was therefore resolved that in the opinion of this Presbytery, any attempt to disturb the present school system is earnestly to be deprecated, inasmuch as this system has hitherto proved a valuable boon, and requires only to be conducted with sufficient energy and liberality, to secure to every district, and to every child, even the poorest, the education requisite to elevate the youth of this Colony to a high position in attainments and usefulness; and while this Presbytery would regard with sincere regret, any attempt to render ineffective the

present School System, they would especially deplore to see it superseded by another system, which, although not avowedly Sectarian, has evidently for its tendency and design, to lead to what will necessarily and immediately partake entirely of that character. The introduction of such a system would, in the opinion of this Presbytery, be attended with renewed and bitter strife and divisions, in many districts give occasion for much injustice, while in other districts, it is to be feared it would produce a state of things, which would render it impossible to sustain what could deserve to be called a school. Under this impression, regarding the character of the present movement, this Presbytery must feel constrained to express their decided disapprobation thereof and to offer to it every constitutional resistance in their power."

ALEX. MCLEAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in Knox's Church, New Glasgow, on the 13th inst., and was constituted by the Rev. James Thomson, Moderator, with whom there was a large attendance of Ministers and Elders.

A commission was read from Primitive Church Session appointing Mr. Roderick McGregor, and from Hopewell Session appointing Mr. Robert Dunbar, as their respective representative elders at Presbyteries and Synod during the ensuing year. These commissions were sustained and the names of these elders added to the roll.

The Revs Thomas Sedgwick and Thos. Cumming being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members, and took their seat accordingly.

Mr. J. W. McKenzie, student, appeared before Presbytery to be examined in order to be certified to the Divinity Hall, having produced a certificate of church membership and moral conduct from the Rev. Geo. Patterson, also certificates from the Professors of Dalhousie College, shewing that he had attended all the classes for four sessions, and after having been examined as to his motives in studying for the Gospel ministry, and as to scholarship in classics, mental, moral and natural philosophy, he was certified accordingly.

Mr. Kenneth McKay, student, also appeared before Presbytery in order to be certified to the Divinity Hall. Having been examined as to his motives in studying for the Gospel ministry, his diploma for the degree of B. A. from Dalhousie College was accepted as a sufficient test of his scholarship, he was certified accordingly.

The Rev. Alex. Sutherland reported that according to the appointment he had preached in Earltown Church on the 22nd Sept.,