

many other calls on their purses at this time! I cannot here refrain from also recording the great progress which they made as a congregation, during the twelvemonth that Mr. Sinclair kindly consented to take charge of them, such being the only regular services that they ever received. I found on my return this year, more of a healthy Church feeling; more unanimity, and a more generally diffused zeal than I had ever seen before. And it is my firm conviction, now, that if the Presbytery will, at this crisis, encourage and assist them somewhat, it will not be long before the congregation of River John ranks among the most flourishing in the county.

G. M. GRANT.
Ordained Missionary.

Presbytery of Pictou.

AT last ordinary meeting of Presbytery (3rd December), *inter alia*, it was proposed and unanimously agreed to that the Rev. A. McKay, of Saltsprings, be a delegation to proceed to Scotland forthwith, to confer with the Colonial Committee, and with licentiates, with a view to supply our spiritual destitution; also, that a committee, consisting of Messrs. McGregor, Sinclair, Herdman, Pollok, J. McKay, Esq., and to consult with W. Gordon, Esq., be appointed to make final arrangements for payment of expenses and other necessary matters, with power, if needful, to summon the Presbytery to give Mr. McKay final instructions,—this committee to meet with Rev. A. McKay on Tuesday, the 8th, at New Glasgow.

With reference to Mr. Goodwill's report, it was agreed that the Clerk write Mr. G., thanking him for his efficient services, and expressing the hope that he may return to this field next summer. The Presbytery agree to supply Wallace and Pugwash in the following months: Mr. McGregor in March; Messrs. Pollok and Sinclair in February; Mr. McMillan in January; and Mr. McCurdy in December. Applications from the River John congregation for services having been read, the Presbytery agree to hold out the hope of services being willingly and readily given as soon as the absent ministers return from their mission, and that Mr. Sinclair be requested to state the circumstance to the people and the high satisfaction of the Presbytery with their conduct and success.

Supplies for Saltsprings and Gairloch were appointed to be given as follows: Mr. Herdman on 1st Sabbath of January, at Saltsprings; Mr. McGregor on 2nd or 3rd do., at Gairloch; Mr. Sinclair on 1st Sabbath of February, at Saltsprings; Mr. McMillan on 3rd Sabbath February at Gairloch; Mr. Pollok on 2nd Sabbath of March at Saltsprings.

Mr. Pollok then read a report of the tour in Cape Breton which was approved and ordered to be published in the *Monthly Record*.

It was unanimously agreed that each minister be enjoined to urge the claims of the Lay Association upon their congregations at the earliest opportunity.

Meeting closed with prayer.

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CHURCH AT HONM.

Death of Norman McLeod [of St. Columba Church.

WE cannot allow the death of a clergyman so much distinguished for mental accomplishments and the graces of a Christian and genial character as Dr. Norman McLeod, of St. Columba Church, to pass with the simple announcement which will be found in our obituary notice of this morning. His long life of unwearied activity and zealous devotion to his Master's cause has been brought to a close yet not quite suddenly, as for the last two or three years he has been in a dubious and infirm state of health. At the ripe age of 78 he has passed away to his rest, leaving behind him much to testify that the world has been a gainer by his presence here, and leaving, as not the least, a name and a memory beloved and respected by the wide circle to which he was personally known. He was the son of the Rev. Mr. McLeod, minister of the parish of Morven, who, for nearly half a century, laboured in the unobtrusive and faithful discharge of the duties of that office. Born in 1784, he was early destined for the Church, as was also his brother, John McLeod, who afterwards, like himself, obtained the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and who succeeded his father as minister of Morven, where he now labours. Having studied in Edinburgh and Glasgow, Dr. McLeod commenced his duties in the parish of Kilbrandon, in the Synod of Argyll, assistant, and on the death of Dr. Smith, of Campbeltown, he was appointed by his Grace the Duke of Argyll to succeed Dr. Smith on his death, in 1808. This appointment was in compliance with an application by the congregation of Dr. Smith, who had advised his congregation to apply on behalf of Dr. McLeod to the patron. He was minister of Campbeltown for sixteen years, and during that period the most affectionate relations sprang up and subsisted between him and his congregation. He was then offered a presentation to Campsie, of which parish he was minister from his ordination, in 1825, to the year 1836, when the Gaelic Church of Ingram Street, Glasgow, became vacant by the death of Mr. John M'Laurin. Dr. McLeod was unanimously called upon to succeed him. The congregation was strictly a Highland congregation, and Dr. McLeod felt it his duty to accept the charge which was offered to him, and he accordingly entered upon his duties as minister of that church. In Campsie also his relation to his congregation