

Adjourned to meet in this place on the 4th Dec., at 11 a. m.

Closed with the benediction.

A. POLLOK, *Clerk pro tem.*

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, }
NEW GLASGOW, 30th Oct. 1867. }

Which time and place the Presbytery of Pictou met, summoned by the moderator, in terms of the following circular:—Revd. Sir,—Please attend a *pro re nata* meeting of Presbytery, to be held in St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow, on Wednesday, 30th October, at 11 a. m., to receive the Rev. Mr. McKay's demission of his charge, as minister of Salt Springs and Gairloch, and to deliberate on matters of importance connected with Cape Breton Mission.

Your Obedient Servant,

W. M. PHILIP, *Moderator.*

And was constituted with prayer. Sederunt, Rev. W. M. Philip, Moderator, Revds. Messrs. Pollok, Stewart, McCunn, Goodwill, McKay, and McMillan, and Rev. J. W. Fraser, Missionary.

The moderator in accordance with the above circular stated his reasons for calling this meeting of Presbytery, when it was moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Goodwill, and agreed to, that the moderators conduct in calling the meeting be approved of.

The Rev. Mr. McKay being present, handed in a written demission of his pastoral charge of Gairloch and Salt Springs, which was read by the moderator, (and taken up for action.)

Mr. McKay in addition to his written demission gave reasons orally for wishing to be relieved from his present charge.

The Rev. Mr. Grant, of St. Matthew's, Halifax, having entered at this stage of the proceedings, was welcomed and invited to sit and deliberate with the court.

Mr. McKay's reasons having been heard and considered, it was moved by Mr. Pollok, and seconded by Mr. Stewart, and agreed to, That while the Presbytery regret the separation from them, of Mr. McKay, and the loss of his counsel, aid and fellowship as a co-presbyter, they consider it best in these circumstances to accept his demission, and release him from the onerous duties which he has so long and zealously discharged, in connection with said congregations.

The Presbytery having expressed the hope that Mr. McKay might be long spared in health and strength, to do the Master's work, in whatever part of the vineyard may become his lot, instructed the clerk to furnish him with the usual presbyterial certificate.

The Rev. Mr. Fraser was appointed to preach at Gairloch, on the 2nd Sabbath of November, and to declare the congregations of Salt Springs and Gairloch vacant.

The consideration of Cape Breton affairs in the absence of Mr. Brodie was postponed

until the regular meeting, to be held in Pictou on the 4th December.

Closed with the benediction.

W. McMILLAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

ADDRESS

To the Rev. D. M. Gordon, B. D., Missionary of the Church of Scotland.

We, the undersigned, on behalf of the congregations of Folly Mountain and Aca-dian Mines, Londonderry, in connection with the Church of Scotland, tender you our heartfelt sympathies for the faithful and Christian manner in which you laboured amongst us as Pastor.

We will always look back to the time that has marked our separation as Pastor and people with a feeling of regret, knowing that we have lost the labours of one that had continually before him the salvation of souls.

Our acquaintance as pastor and people has been short, but not too short to know that we have sustained a loss; but we should rest satisfied, feeling that the great Creator and Preserver of mankind has so ordered it.

And now, Revd. and dear sir, in bidding you farewell be pleased to accept the accompanying tribute of our esteem. We freely admit that the donation is, in itself, unworthy of your acceptance, and quite inadequate to your wants: still, we are confident that your generous mind will appreciate the motive that prompted us.

Finally, in your removal to a wider sphere of usefulness you will be followed by our most earnest prayers that your valuable life may be long preserved, and your anxious and indefatigable labours in the service of your Divine Maker abundantly rewarded with spiritual blessing that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow.

HUGH CAMERON,
WILLIAM MCLEAN,
DONALD A. McDONALD,
DUNCAN MCKENZIE,
JAMES SIMPSON,
JOHN MCLEAN,
THOMAS TOTTEN,

To which Mr. Gordon replied as follows:—

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—Accept my sincerest thanks for the kind address I have received from you. There are few things so gratifying to a Pastor in the discharge of his duties as the sympathy and affection of those to whom he ministers; and the address which you have just presented to me is only a further evidence of the genuine cordiality and kindly feeling you have always shown towards me, and by which I have been so greatly cheered during the year I have laboured among you. Although soon to be removed to another and more laborious charge, I shall always look back with emotion to the