

clearly probable—these matters having been already very fully reported to the Congregation by its commissioners and committees. There is, however, one of the conditions attached to the call which now requires to be referred to, namely: that which stipulates that Mr. Herridge should enter upon his duties immediately after his induction and remain with the Congregation until the middle of October, after which short term of service he is to be permitted to leave his charge for a period of seven months or thereabout. And the Kirk Session are to be responsible for providing regular pulpit supply during such absence. The fulfilment of this agreement will incur considerable additional expense, but as the amount required to meet this has already been provided, there will be no necessity to increase the burden already placed upon our ordinary revenue. This lengthy absence of Mr. Herridge from his charge became necessary in consequence of his holding a College Fellowship which required that he should visit the principal seats of learning in Britain and the Continent, and which he had arranged to carry into effect previous to his receiving any intimation of our Call. The Session feel that under these circumstances the vacation given was unavoidable, and while they now feel his absence as a loss, yet, they are confident, that when he returns to his Charge he will come to his new sphere of labor with such increased powers of ministration as shall amply repay the Congregation for their generous liberality in this matter.

In providing Pulpit Supply during our Pastor's absence, the Session were fortunate in securing the consent of the Rev. Dr. Jenkins to undertake the Moderatorship of the Kirk Session, and also to hold himself responsible for our pulpit supply, during the greater part of the time that our Pastor may be absent. Of the value and character of these services the Session will avail themselves of a future opportunity of expressing their appreciation.

In arranging supply for the months of November, December and January, the Session were enabled to secure the services of the Rev. F. W. Archibald, of Truro, who discharged the duties of the Pastorate with great acceptance to the Congregation, and on closing his engagement the Session expressed their estimation of his services by adopting the following minute, viz:

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