

GLASGOW, 6th Feb'y, 1861.

To the Moderator of the
Presbytery of Pictou:

REVEREND SIR,—

We have the honor of addressing you in the name and by appointment of the Presbytery of Glasgow.

We trust that before this time Messrs. Cameron, Grant, Macgregor and Macmillan, who were ordained to the holy ministry at our last meeting on 20th December last, will, under the Divine protection, have safely reached your shores. The Presbytery desire to offer up their best congratulations on that auspicious event.

When, eight years ago, these gentlemen came to Scotland to prosecute their studies at the University of this city, we hailed their arrival as a cheering sign of the vigorous life of the Nova Scotian branch of our beloved Church. We have watched their progress through College with the greatest interest, and have observed with pleasure the distinguished appearance they have made: of the extensive, accurate, and substantial nature of their acquirements in literature, philosophy and Divinity. We have further and fully satisfied ourselves by repeated examination:—privately too, they have been well known to many of the brethren, so that it is not without abundant means of forming an opinion that we now express to you our most favorable estimate of their Christian Character. For all which reasons it was matter of no ordinary gratification to the Presbytery of Glasgow to proceed, under authority of the General Assembly, and at the request of the Colonial Committee to set them apart to an office they have given such good proof that they are highly qualified to fill. We rejoice with you on the accession to those who now labor among your population in word and doctrine of so many able and devoted young men; we commend them to your confidence, and we follow them with our prayers that under the blessing of the Master, and the guidance of his Spirit, they may be able to fulfil the promise of their youth.

We are instructed by the Presbytery, further to say, that, feeling as they do in common with the whole Church of Scotland, the deepest interest in the spiritual welfare of our countrymen and their descendants in the Colonies, they cannot let pass the present opportunity of expressing to you their sense of the wisdom and importance of the idea upon which you have acted in seeking to provide yourselves with natives of your Colony for work within its bounds. They regard it as an omen for good as respects the present condition and the future prospects of our Church in Nova Scotia, that you are thus raising up teachers from within your own body, and who may be expected to address themselves to their duties not only with patriotic zeal, but also with that knowledge of Colonial

feelings, and ways of thinking, which cannot but add greatly to the efficiency of their exertions.

Apart from the special subject of this letter, it is a pleasure to our Presbytery to have occasion to communicate with you. Its strengthens and comforts us at home to feel the assurance that the spiritual welfare of our countrymen in the Colonies, is watched over and provided for with so much care by yourselves, and the other Colonial Presbyteries. And we are not without the persuasion, that it may be in some measure strengthening and comforting to you, to be assured of the cordial feelings we, on this side of the Atlantic, cherish towards you all. We affectionately commend you to the favor and blessing of Almighty God, and of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, praying for your prosperity in all things, and that every good and heavenly gift may be bestowed abundantly upon yourselves and all the office-bearers within your bounds, on your people, and the whole Colony. This letter drawn up by a Committee of the Presbytery of Glasgow is now signed by appointment.

(Signed) JOHN ROBERTSON, *Convener*.

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MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

In St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, April 10th, 1860. Which time and place the Presbytery of Pictou met according to adjournment, and was constituted. Sederunt, &c.

Inter Alia.—The Clerk read a communication from the Presbytery of Glasgow. The Moderator and Clerk were appointed a Committee to prepare a suitable reply, to be submitted at next meeting.

Mr. Grant was appointed to preach at St. Mary's, April 14th; Earltown, April 21st; Cape John and River John, April 29th; River John, May 5th; and to labor under the direction of the Presbytery of P. E. Island until the beginning of June.

Calls in favor of Mr. McMillan from the congregations of Barney's River and Lochaber. Also from the congregations of Earltown and West Branch River John, were laid on the table. Mr. McMillan being present, accepted the call from Earltown and West Branch. The Presbytery appoint to meet in the church at West Branch, on Wednesday the 8th day of May for his induction, Mr. Tallach to preach and preside. Mr. McKay to address minister and people.

Mr. McGregor intimated his acceptance of the call from the congregations of the East and West Branches of the East River, presented to him at the last meeting,—and the Presbytery appoint to meet in the church on Wednesday the 24th current, for his induction. Mr. Herdman to preach and preside. Dr. McGillivray to address minister and people.