

bath 12th inst., and at River Inhabitants on Sabbath 19th inst. Gairloch to be supplied in his absence, by Mr. Stewart, on 12th September, by Mr. McCunn on 19th September, by Mr. Philip on 26th September.

Mr. Stewart reported his appointment to Pictou Island fulfilled, and requested, on behalf of the Pictou Islanders, that should it not be possible for the Presbytery to give them a fair supply of Gaelic services, they will gladly accept of English.

With reference to the applications for supplement from the Colonial Committee, it was moved by Mr. Pollok, seconded, and agreed to, that the Presbytery transmit them *simpliciter* to the Home Mission Board, stating, that in reference to future applications, the Presbytery have arranged diets of Presbyterial examination into the state of the congregations applying for aid, in order to ascertain their financial condition.

The Rev. S. McGregor, West Branch, having accepted of a commission from the Colonial Committee, with a view of proceeding to labour in Vancouver's Island, demitted his charge of East and West Branch congregations. The demission was allowed to lie on the table, and the Rev. Mr. Herdman appointed to preach at West Branch, on Sept. 12th,—notify the congregation of said demission, and cite them to appear for their own interests at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery, to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on Wednesday 13th inst., at 11 o'clock, A.M. Consideration of the communication from Halifax Presbytery, and other business, was deferred till next meeting.

W. McMILLAN, *Clerk*.

### PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND.

THE Presbytery of P. E. Island met at Charlottetown, on the 7th October, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Duncan, the retiring moderator. Sederunt: the Rev. Messrs. Duncan, McWilliam, Stewart and McColl, ministers; and the Hon. Col. Gray, Isaac Thompson and Charles Kennedy, Esqrs., elders.

The Rev. Mr. McLean was unanimously elected moderator for the current year, and Mr. McWilliam clerk. Mr. Duncan was appointed to the chair *pro tem*.

There was laid on the table an overture from the Synod, instructing Presbyteries to report on the state of religion within their bounds to the next meeting of Synod. In order to carry out this injunction, the clerk was instructed to prepare and submit to next meeting of Presbytery a schedule of queries in reference to this matter, with the view of their being sent down to Kirk Sessions.

At this stage the Rev. Mr. McNeil, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Falconer, appeared as a deputation from the Island Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, soliciting the co-operation of this Presbytery in the conducting and supporting of a periodical entitled the "*Presbyterian*." The deputation was welcomed by the moderator, and heard in support of their proposal. Thereafter it was unanimously resolved that this matter be referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. McLean and Stewart, and Isaac Thompson, Esq.—Mr. McLean, convener—with instructions to confer with the other body, and to report to the next meeting of Presbytery.

The moderator then stated that, according to instructions of Presbytery, services had been supplied to Clyde River Church, which had been formally opened since last meeting.

Messrs. Dixon and McPhail appeared before the Presbytery in behalf of that congregation, and craved that stated ordinances might be continued, and at the same time tabled a subscription list from the adherents of the Church there, amounting to £24, having that object in view.

The Presbytery were much gratified at hearing the statements of Messrs.