

Presbytery of Pictou

At New Glasgow, the 1st September, 1867.

Which day the Presbytery of Pictou met and was duly constituted.

Inter Alia,

It was moved and agreed to that vacant congregations be required to pay in their collections for Missionary Services, to the General Treasurer (W. Gordon, Esq., Pictou), on or before the first day of February in each year, and that notice of this resolution be given in the pages of the Monthly Record.

A deputation from the congregations of Rogers' Hill and Cape John, stated that these congregations together with that of River John were anxious to have the services of an English Missionary until such time as they might have an opportunity of receiving a Gaelic Minister, and that they would pay for his services at the usual rate required by the Presbytery. It was agreed that Mr. Christie be located in the manner desired, and that these congregations shall enjoy the full benefit of his labours, with the exception of two Sabbaths in each quarter, to be spent alternately at St. Mary's and at Pugwash.

Mr. Christie was appointed to preach at St. Mary's on the last Sabbath of October, and the first Sabbath of November.

As there seems no probability that a Missionary shall arrive within a reasonable period to labour within the bounds of the Presbytery of P. E. Island, it was agreed that Mr. Talloch be enjoined to proceed thither as soon as he has completed the appointments already given him within the bounds of the Presbytery of Pictou; it being understood that if a Missionary should arrive before the close of the navigation, either he or Mr. Talloch shall be appointed to labour within the bounds of this Presbytery.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Pictou on the first Tuesday of December.

DONALD McRAE, P.C.

Synod of Canada.

ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, SIR EDMUND WALKER, HEAD, BARONET, GOVERNOR GENERAL OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

WE, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, now assembled in Synod at Hamilton, embrace the opportunity of again assuring Your Excellency of our loyalty to our Most Gracious Queen, our attachment to the British Constitution, and our earnest desire to advance the interests of this great country, in which Divine Providence has cast our lot.

We believe that nowhere is more true freedom enjoyed than in the dominions of

Her Majesty, and that no form of Government is better fitted to promote the happiness of its subjects than that which is established in Great Britain and her Colonies. And we therefore hope that Canada may long remain under the protection of the British flag and in the enjoyment of those laws and institutions which have raised the Mother Country to its present high rank among the nations.

But we know from the Word of God and from observation that the happiness of a people is dependent, not so much on their outward privileges and advantages as on their moral and religious character. And we therefore deeply feel the responsibility which devolves on us, as office-bearers in the Christian Church, to use unwearied diligence in leavening the minds of our population with the principles of true Christianity. The influence of our Church, however, is at present very much curtailed by the want of a sufficient number of Ministers to undertake the charge of those who desire and need their services. And accordingly, besides applying for additional Clergymen from Scotland, we are endeavoring to increase the efficiency of Queen's College, Kingston, where our own students are trained for the sacred office. That Institution still flourishes. It is annually sending out young men highly qualified for the varied learned professions, and is well deserving of Your Excellency's assistance and patronage.

Our efforts for the welfare of our adherents would be vastly aided by the better observance throughout the Province of that Holy Day which the Almighty has specially set apart for religious instruction and worship. And we rejoice to learn that the Legislative Council has recently requested Your Excellency to take steps to prevent the desecration of the Sabbath by public servants, and in those public works which are under Government control; and that the Legislative Assembly has passed the third reading of a Bill having the same object in view. We are persuaded that, by carrying out such a measure, Your Excellency's administration will do honor to itself, impart high satisfaction to the religious portion of the community, and confer a great boon on the people of this land.

Our Church has always taken a profound interest in the education of the young. And, while the present system of our Common Schools in Western Canada has not our entire approval, we have been pleased to know that the Bible is read in most of them, and that their advantages are enjoyed by children of all denominations. We, therefore, utterly condemn the changes which some of our Roman Catholic brethren are striving to effect in their Constitution, and in the mode in which they are sustained. We deprecate the success of every attempt to exclude from them that Holy Volume which God has graciously given for our instruction in youth as well as for our guidance and consolation in riper years. And we

trust that no enactment will ever be framed by our Legislature or sanctioned by Your Excellency, for transferring any part of the taxes, levied on Protestants for Common Schools, to the support of schools designed only for Roman Catholics; for such an appropriation would be, in our view, alike unjust to the former, and eventually injurious to the latter.

That the blessing of the Almighty may rest upon Your Excellency's person, family and administration, and that after an honorable, useful and happy life on Earth, Your Excellency may be exalted to the inheritance of Heaven, is our sincere prayer.

Signed at Hamilton, this second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven years; in name, in presence and by appointment of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

GEORGE McDONNELL,
Moderator.

From our Correspondent in South America.

NEW AMSTERDAM, BERBICE.
23d July, 1857.

DEAR SIR: I think it was at the General Assembly of our Church in 1856, that a motion was introduced having in view the extension and improvement of the Home and Foreign *Missionary Record* of the Church of Scotland. Being at that time employed as a Missionary in Nova Scotia, in common with many others separated from the land of their nativity, and who would naturally enough be anxious to procure intelligence of our Church both at home and abroad, I must confess that I sympathised with what I believed to be a well-timed and well-meant proposal, and moreover, I felt assured in my own mind that the excellent suggestions made by the reverend gentleman who introduced the resolution to the notice of so august a body, and by whom it was, apparently, so well received, would be speedily carried into effect.

Since the period above referred to, I am happy to find that various improvements have taken place in the management of the *Record*, and that, owing to the introduction of some new features, it is now considerably more likely to prove interesting to the common reader than it was for some time before. It is, I humbly conceive, evident enough that if there is little or nothing interesting to be found in the pages of such a periodical—even though issued under the sanction and by the authority of a most venerable institution—it will not be much read, and consequently can have but little influence in keeping alive and stirring up among our people at home a desire to promote Missionary enterprise by their money and their prayers.

The time has gone by when even the name of the Church of Scotland, venerable as it is, can have the power to consecrate dullness, or to cause the shadow to be mis-