

urgent request, expressed by letter, was accepted, his pastoral connection with the congregation dissolved, and the Clerk directed to send him the usual certificate of disjunction from this Church.

The Rev. Mr. Roddick was appointed to preach the congregation vacant on the 2nd Sabbath of April.

The Rev. D. Roy laid the demission of his congregation on the table of Presbytery, assigning as a reason his advanced age, and the desire to be relieved from the labours and responsibilities of pastoral work. The Presbytery agreed that it lie in the meantime, on their table; appointed the Rev. Mr. Walker to preach on Sabbath first, in James Church, give intimation of this demission, constitute the Session and summon the congregation to appear by commissioners for their interests at the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. Mr. Patterson reported that the members and adherents of our Church at Westville, held a meeting some time ago, at which they resolved, in view of the prospective increase of the inhabitants of the place, to build a large and respectable church; that they manifested much earnestness and zeal in this undertaking, that their subscription list at this date amounts to about \$1100, and that they desire to have the approval and encouragement of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery cordially approved of their proceedings, and agreed to recommend their undertaking to the favorable consideration of our Church in general.

The Rev. Mr. Watt's report of missionary labour performed at Scotsburn was read and approved.

The Rev. K. J. Grant was appointed to preach in Merigomish on first Sabbath, and declare the congregation vacant.

The Presbytery agreed to meet in John Knox's Church, on Monday, April 11th, at 2 P. M., for ordinary business.

JOHN MACKINNON, Clerk.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in John Knox's Church, New Glasgow, on the 11th April, and was constituted by the Rev. George Roddick, moderator, with whom were present the Revs. Dr. Roy, George Walker, Dr. Bayne, D. B. Blair, George Patterson, William Maxwell, John Mackinnon, A. J. Mowitt, A. McL. Sinclair, and William Grant, ministers; and Messrs. John Miller and James Davison, ruling elders.

The Rev. John Stewart took his seat as a corresponding members.

The Rev. Mr. Walker reported that he had fulfilled his appointment to James Church, New Glasgow, in connection with Dr. Roy's demission. His conduct was

approved. Messrs. John Miller, David Marshall and Thomas Graham appeared as commissioners from the congregation of James Church, and stated that the congregation had agreed to offer no objection to the Presbytery accepting Dr. Roy's demission of his charge—that they had agreed to give him a retiring allowance of \$200 a year, and that they had adopted the following statement in reference to him and agreed to record it in their congregational book, viz.:

"The Rev. David Roy, D. D., having, in the good Providence of God, attained to the days of the years when it is common to man that strength and vigour should fail; and it having become evident to himself, and to us for some time past, that rest from the labour and responsibilities of his extensive pastoral charge was necessary,—and that the work so long, so faithfully, and so successfully performed by him should devolve upon another,—and as in these circumstances Dr. Roy has deemed it proper to resign the charge of this congregation, to which he is bound by so many sacred ties,—*The members of James Church Congregation* therefore desire to express the feelings of esteem and affection they still entertain towards their beloved pastor, and the high estimation in which they have always held his services to them as members of this the oldest congregation in the county of Pictou, and of which he has had the spiritual oversight for nearly forty years. They rejoice that through his instrumentality, by the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, the congregation, notwithstanding that offshoots have been given to form parts of other congregations, is still one of the most numerous in connection with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces; and their desire is, that it may not only retain its present position, but "continue fruitful in every good work, increasing with the increase of God." They would further express their appreciation of the sacrifice their pastor has made in so cheerfully placing his demission in the hands of the Presbytery. The congregation see in this act an additional evidence of the deep interest that Dr. Roy has always manifested in their welfare, and their earnest desire and prayer is, that he may enjoy continued peace and happiness, and that the separation mutually agreed upon may prove to him the beginning of a long day of rest upon earth, the forerunner of that eternal rest which remaineth for all God's faithful servants."

Whereupon the Presbytery agreed to accept Dr. Roy's demission of the pastoral charge of his congregation, dissolve his pastoral connection with it, which they do hereby dissolve, declare the congregation vacant, appoint the Rev. Mr. Walker in