

ter; but as we are trying to get along on our own resources, we must make small beginnings and feel our way. At present the Island Presbytery is ludicrously weak, considering the number of our people within its bounds. Instead of two ministers, it should count at the least four; but better that it should remain as it is than that it should burden the Colonial Committee longer. We have been too long in matters financial "under tutors and governors;" it is high time that we should begin to keep house for ourselves and at our own expense. It is not pleasant to be taunted with the receipt of "foreign money," when our people are as able and as willing to pay as any other denomination in the Provinces.

GEORGE M. GRANT.

MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

*St. Andrew's Church, June 5, 1861,
Which time and place the Presbytery of Pictou met and was constituted. Sederunt, &c.*

Inter Alia.

Calls and subscription lists from the congregations of Wallace River and Folly Mountains were laid on the table. On a consideration of the whole circumstances in connection with this case, the Presbytery resolve to proceed with the induction of Mr. McCurdy as soon as possible after the meeting of the Synod, during the session of which definite arrangements will be made.

Mr. Herdman requested leave of absence for the term of three months, commencing with the Sabbath after the meeting of Synod, which was granted. The Presbytery agree to supply Mr. Herdman's pulpit every second Sabbath during his absence.

Missionaries received appointments as follows, viz:—Mr. Grant, June 16th and 23rd, River John. Mr. Sinclair, June 9th and 16th, Roger's Hill, June 23rd, Pictou. Mr. Cameron, June 9th, Lochaber; June 15th, Barney's River; June 23rd, New Glasgow; July 7th, Cape John, at the dispensation of the Lord's Supper. Mr. Cameron was authorized to take steps in Lochaber towards the election of elders in that congregation.

With respect to application for supplement from the Colonial Committee, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that Presbyterial examination shall in future precede, in every case, the sanctioning of any such application. The Presbytery appoint to meet in the Church at Maclellan's Mountain on the 29th of July for the purpose of enquiring into the necessity of the continuance of the supplement granted by the Colonial Committee to this congregation. An application for supplement from the Colonial Committee having been made by the trustees of St. Matthew's Church, Pugwash, the Pres-

bytery appoint to meet in said church on the 25th day of July for the same purpose.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that meetings shall be held on the Monday after the Sacraments, which shall be held previous to the meeting of Synod, for the purpose of urging increased support of the "Young Men's" Scheme, and obtaining subscriptions for the same.

Messrs. Sinclair and Cameron were enjoined to have their report of their mission to Cape Breton in readiness by next meeting, which shall take place during the Session of Synod.

Adjourned to meet in Pictou on the first Wednesday of September.

JAMES CHRISTIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From the statements as to the work at the different stations, it appears that the institutions for imparting a Christian education to the natives are still maintained at Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay. The preparation of young men for the ministry also occupies a large share of attention. The congregation of natives, under a native pastor, at Madras, continues to flourish; while instruction is given in the vernacular by native licentiates at Vellore, and by catechists and others elsewhere. In accordance with the desire strongly expressed by the supporters of the Mission, both at home and in India, preparation is now making for having the gospel preached in the vernacular by European missionaries. For this purpose, your missionaries at Gyah and Sealcote are zealously cultivating an acquaintaintance with the language; and taking every method of acquiring familiarity with the feelings, habits, and modes of thinking that will prevail among the natives. The effect of their exertions will afterwards appear; and there is every reason to hope that, by these means, many now in darkness may be enlightened and converted to the Christian faith. But your Committee are constrained to express their extreme regret that the funds at their disposal are not such as to warrant such an extension of the Mission as they earnestly desire. The Church might be expected to make contributions for the Foreign Missions on a scale far beyond that which has ever yet been reached. Instead of one missionary at Calcutta, one at Gyah, and one at Madras, with only two at Bombay and Sealcote, there ought to be at least THREE MISSIONARIES AT EVERY STATION. But although licentiates, thoroughly qualified, are prepared to enter the Mission-field, and the Committee are decidedly convinced that the number of missionaries ought to be increased, they cannot take upon themselves the responsibility of making additional appointments at an annual expenditure far exceeding that which the funds contributed