

MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.  
*St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, March*  
 6, 1861. *The Presbytery of Pictou*  
*met according to adjournment, and*  
*was constituted. Soderunt, &c.*

*Inter Alia.*

Minutes of last regular meeting and of *pro re nata* meeting were read, and sustained as correct, with the exception of the word "*unanimously*" in minute of last regular meeting with respect to application from congregation of Pugwash for supplement.

Invitation from Barney's River and Lochaber to either Mr. Cameron or Mr. Macmillan to become their minister was taken. Declined by Mr. Cameron, as he considers he shall be more useful as a missionary. Mr. Macmillan requested time to consider.

There was also tabled an invitation from East and West Branches E. R. to Mr. Macgregor, who stated that he was not in a position in the meantime to give a definite answer, but that he hoped to be able to do so by next meeting.

Bonds from Roger's Hill and Cape John for salary of £200 a year to Mr. Sinclair were produced. Mr. Sinclair being questioned with regard to invitation formerly presented to him, and declined for reasons then given, stated that he adhered to his former resolution, but that he would undertake the charge of these congregations for one year after July first, so as to relieve the Colonial Committee and Lay Association.

The following sums have been received for missionary services since last meeting, viz.: Earltown, £13 0s. 1-2d.; East River, St. Mary's, £3 17s. 6d.; W. B. East River, £7 10s.; River John Village, £7; Roger's Hill, £12; West Branch River John, £5; Cape John, £4; total, £51 17s. 7-12d.

The Committee appointed to meet the Committee on Young Men's Scheme on the subject of application of Allan Ross for admission into our Church as a student, reported that Mr. Ross neither appeared personally nor forwarded any documents. They therefore considered the application fallen from.

Messrs. Sinclair and Cameron were appointed a deputation to visit the Island of Cape Breton, to remain for such time as they may see fit.

Missionaries were instructed to call a meeting for the purpose of nominating and electing elders for St. Mary's and Garden of Eden, and report.\*

Missionaries received the following appointments, viz.: Mr. Sinclair, March 10, Roger's Hill; March 17, West Branch River John. Mr. Grant, March 10; River John Village; do. 17, River John Village; do. 24, Cape John; do. 31, East Branch East River; April 7, Barney's River; do. 14, St. Mary's. Mr. Macgregor, March 10, Barney's River; do. 17, Lochaber; do. 24, West Branch East River; April 7, Barney's River; do. 14, St. Mary's. Mr. Cameron, Mar. 10, West Branch

East River; do. 17, East Branch East River. Mr. Macmillan, March 10, St. Mary's; do. 17, Barney's River; do. 24, West Branch River John; do. 31, Earltown; April 7, W. Branch East River; do. 14, East Branch East River.

Adjourned to meet in Pictou on Wednesday the tenth day of April, at 11 o'clock A. M.  
 JAMES CHRISTIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

MINUTE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

*St. Matthew's Church Session Room,*  
*Halifax, Feb'y 7th, 1861*

*Which day the Presbytery of Halifax in*  
*connection with the Church of Scotland*  
*met according to appointment, and was*  
*constituted with prayer by the Moderator.*

Soderunt. Rev. John Scott, Moderator  
 Rev. John Martin, George Boyd and Thomas Jardine, Ministers, and Wm. P. Thomson, Elder.

Wm. J. B. Bremner handed in his commission as representative elder from St. Matthew's Church, which was read and sustained and his name was ordered to be added to the roll.

The minutes of last ordinary meeting were read, sustained, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Rev. Mr. Stewart reported verbally that he had implemented the injunctions of the Presbytery in preaching in Musquodoboit and Truro on the days appointed, and also gave an account of the state of the mission field, which was held to be satisfactory.

Mr. Stewart having presented a medical certificate stating the necessity of being relieved for some time from public duty, was allowed to remain in Truro till after the second Sabbath of March, and after that period he was appointed to preach in Musquodoboit and Truro as formerly, till the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. John Martin having presented and read a report of his missionary labors for the year 1860, it was agreed that the Presbytery in receiving said report, record their sense of Mr. Martin's ministerial faithfulness and diligence as therein indicated.

On the suggestion of Mr. Martin, that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper should be dispensed in Laurencetown and Sackville, the Presbytery direct him to ascertain as near as possible the probable number of communicants in these places, and report their names in writing to next meeting of Presbytery.

The Session Books of St. Matthew's and St. Andrew's Churches and of St. Andrew's Church, Musquodoboit, were ordered to be produced and laid before next meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. Mr. Stewart was appointed to preach the next Presbytery sermon.

The next meeting of Presbytery was ap-