

of November. The Rev. Mr. Stewart was enjoined to invite to the same, the Trustees and Session of St. Andrew's, Brackley Point Road, to confer with the Committee. The Rev. James McColl to conduct the devotional services.

The Rev. James McColl of DeSable, read a statement in which he complained of a deficiency of his stipend. The Presbytery considered the statement and the complaint, and in order to settle the matter to all parties satisfactory, a conjoint meeting of all Mr. McColl's Mission Stations should meet the Presbytery to consider the subject complained, in DeSable Church, on the 28th December, at 11 o'clock, forenoon.

The Rev. Peter Melville, of Georgetown, to lead devotional services and to preach in the Kirk.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in DeSable, on the last Thursday of Dec., at 11 o'clock a. m., being the 28th day of that month, 1871.

G. W. STEWART, *Presby. Clerk.*

Pictou Presbytery.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PICTOU,
29th Nov., 1871.

Which time and place, the Pictou Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. There were present—Revs. Messrs. A. W. Herdman, A. Pollok, W. Stewart, N. Brodie, C. Dunn, J. W. Fraser and W. McMillan, and James Hislop, Andrew Murray and Mr. Nicholson, Elders.

In the unavoidable absence of the Rev. D. McRae, Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Pollok was unanimously requested to take the chair, which he did accordingly.

The minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

Letters of apology for absence from Revs. Messrs. McRae, Anderson and McCann, and Alex. McKay, Esq., were read and sustained.

Commissions were received from Pictou Kirk Session in favor of James Hislop, as representative Elder, from Roger's Hill and Cape John, in favour of Andrew Murray, and from Wallace and Pugwash in favour of Mr. Nicholson, all of which were sustained and their names ordered to be added to the Roll.

Messrs. Fraser and McMillan gave a verbal report of their labours in Cape Breton.

Mr. Pollok, Convener of the Committee on Cape Breton affairs, submitted a letter received by him in answer to application on behalf of the destitute parts of Cape Breton. Whereupon, it was moved by Mr. Brodie, seconded by Mr. Herdman, and unanimously

agreed to, that the Presbytery express its gratitude to the Colonial Committee for their continued interest in Cape Breton, and at the same time regret that they have not as yet been successful in finding and inducing a Gaelic speaking missionary to visit, and labour in that interesting field; and express also their gratification with the report of the delegation who visited the Island in September, and that the thanks of the court be conveyed to those gentlemen, for their diligence in fulfilling their commission; and having learned from their report, that the church which is in the course of erection at Loch Lomond is being carried on with praiseworthy zeal, instruct the Clerk to ask the Colonial Committee if upon the usual guarantee being furnished, they, (the Colonial Committee) will grant one hundred dollars in aid of said church.

With reference to the Widow's and Orphan's Scheme, it was resolved to defer consideration thereof until next quarterly meeting, when it is hoped the Convener will be present.

The Rev. Mr. Dunn having applied to the Presbytery to recommend the Colonial Committee to give a building grant of Fifty Pounds stg., for St. Philip's Church, Westville. It was moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Fraser and agreed, that the Presbytery agree to consider the matter on application being made by the Trustees.

It was agreed to certify Rev. Messrs. Anderson, Stewart, McCann and Dunn to the Home Mission Board for their half-yearly supplement due 1st Feb., 1872.

The following appointment to vacant charges were then agreed to:

Earlton, Dec. 24th, Rev. Mr. Anderson.

" Jan. 14th, Rev. Mr. Stewart.

Barney's River, Dec. 31st, Rev. C. Dunn.

" " Jan. 21st, Rev. A. Pollok.

" " Feb. 18th, Rev. C. Dunn.

West Branch River John, Dec. Jan. and Feb., Rev. R. McCann.

According to notice at last meeting, the Rev. Mr. Pollok referred to the necessity of some action being taken to secure better order and more uniformity, in the administration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, &c. Whereupon it was moved by the Rev. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. McMillan, and agreed to, that for the more orderly arrangement of public worship in accordance to the laws and well established practice of the Church of Scotland, and due administration of the Sacraments of our Church, the Ministers of this Presbytery be recommended to form themselves into a Church Service Society, to hold meetings once a month, (or as may be agreed upon at their first meeting), the first meeting to take place on Tuesday 16th