

Mr. Mair, and agreed to, that a committee of the whole Presbytery be appointed to confer with the members of the deputation, in order to make arrangements to visit the congregations within their bounds, during the ensuing winter, for the purpose of giving an impetus to the working of the Lay Association, and procuring subscribers to the *Monthly Record* and increased support to the other schemes of the Church.

The Rev. Mr. Tallach gave notice that at next meeting of Presbytery he intended to bring forward a motion with respect to certain communications from laymen within the bounds of the Presbytery, to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, injuriously affecting the position of ministers and missionaries with said Committee.

Mr. Mair also asked leave of absence for the period of three months, as he intended visiting his native country for the purpose of soliciting assistance in the building of the church now in process of erection by his congregation in Barney's River. He also requested the Presbytery to grant him the usual Presbyterial certificate of standing in the Church; both of which were granted.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Pictou on the first Wednesday in March, 1860, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Extracted from the minutes of Presbytery  
JAMES CHRISTIE, Pres. Clerk.

to the Editor of the *Monthly Record*.

Sir,—To supply an omission in the statistics of collection in the October *Monthly Record*, I have to request of you to insert in your next publication

Synod Fund, St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, £4 2s. 6d.

The fact is, the above collection was made during session of Synod, but the list of statistics being called for at an earlier day, the collection of course was not inserted, and so escaped publication. The list completed stands as follows, so far as collection of this congregation for the schemes properly so called is concerned:

Home Mission, £4 1s. 2d.; Synod Fund, £4 2s. 6d.; Bursary Fund, £4 10s. 6d.; In-  
Mission, £5 2s. 6d.

The Widows' Fund is as yet merely an optional scheme of our church.

Yours truly, A. W. H.  
Manse, Pictou, 31st Dec., 1859.

#### MEETING AT WALLACE.

On Wednesday, the 11th ult., a congregational meeting was held in St. Matthew's church, Wallace, for the purpose of reorganizing and resuscitating the Lay Association, and extending the circulation of the *Record*.

The meeting was the largest of the kind which has ever been known in Wallace,—almost every family in connection with the congregation being represented by one or more of its members. The proceedings were opened by divine service, the Rev. Mr. Tallach, of Pugwash, officiating. He chose for his text, 2 Cor. v: 10, 11. The subject was solemn and suitable to the occasion, and the preacher applied it to his hearers, and to the occasion of their assembling together, in a very startling and forcible manner. He urged upon them the absolute necessity of endeavoring to overtake all matters of duty, and specially such matters as pertained to the maintenance of religion and religious ordinances. He represented to them that they could not neglect to discharge their duties as church members and professing Christians but at their utmost peril,—that on their shoulders would rest the responsibility, if the Gospel were starved out of their borders, or crippled for lack of adequate support. He cited the example of the mother church. She had had her difficulties serious and trying, but by the grace of God, and her own noble exertions, she had so overcome them all, that, now though counting her age by centuries, she was at heart more youthful than ever. Even those who love her not are compelled to admit that the Church of Scotland is, at this present hour, as healthy and vigorous, as full of the zeal of her Master's house, as ever she has been at any period of her eventful history. Let us imitate the example of the beloved and honored church by whose name we are called; let us imbibe a portion of her spirit. Grappling with difficulties, we will certainly vanquish them; timidly surveying them at a distance, they will as certainly in the end vanquish us. The reverend gentleman concluded by explaining the objects which the Lay Association sought to accomplish, and the position of the *Monthly Record*, as the organ of the church in these Provinces, after which the benediction was pronounced and the meeting constituted,—Alex. McFarlane, Esq., M. P. P., in the chair.

The proceedings were characterized throughout by the utmost harmony and unanimity. The Lay Association was resuscitated, and its staff of officers appointed. Upwards of thirty additional subscribers were obtained for the *Monthly Record*; the congregation was suitably admonished by the chairman as to their dangerous and awkward proclivities towards the non-sustentation of their own pastorate; and after numerous remarks from various parties present, bearing on the several topics under discussion, the meeting was closed with prayer.

#### MEETING AT GAIRLOCH.

The Rev. Dr. McGillivray of McLennan's Mountain, and John McKay and James Fraser, Esqrs., visited this congregation on the 27th Decr., by appointment of the Presbytery