

THE PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

*At St. Andrew's Church, Pictou,
1st June, 1859. Which day the
Presbytery of Pictou met and
was constituted. Sederunt, etc.*

Inter Alia.

In reference to Pictou Island, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the Rev. A. W. Herdman and the Kirk Session of Pictou take charge of it, and supply religious services there as often as they conveniently can.

The state and position of the Pugwash congregation was brought before the meeting by Mr. Oulton, a deputation from the same, and by Mr. McLean, their present pastor. When it was resolved that upon having examined the congregation by Presbyterial visitation, and finding that they are making the needful and proper exertions to support a minister, the Presbytery shall make application to the Colonial Committee for the needful supplement.

An extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of P. E. Island was laid on the table, setting forth that that Presbytery had taken the necessary steps for the Rev. A. McKay's translation to Gairloch and Salt Springs; whereupon Mr. Herdman was appointed to preach and serve the edict anent his induction, in Gairloch and Salt Springs, on Sunday, the 12th day of June current. And the Presbytery appointed to meet at Gairloch for the induction of Mr. McKay, on the 28th day of June, at 11 o'clock, A. M., the Rev. James Christie to preach and preside, the Rev. A. Pollok to address minister and people.

Statistical returns were called for by the Clerk, when only Mr. Herdman produced his. The Presbytery enjoin members to be in readiness with these against the meeting of Synod.

On the session books being called for, those of Pictou and Barney's River were produced. Those who have not produced these books are enjoined to do so at the first meeting of Presbytery, which shall be held during the approaching session of Synod.

The Rev. Thomas Falloch then received appointments as follows:—To preach in Pictou on the 12th day of June, at Cape John on the 19th day of June, and at River John on the 26th day of June.

Extracted from the minutes of the Presbytery of Pictou, this 2nd day of June, 1859, by me.

JAMES MAIR, *Pres'by Clerk.*

News of the Month.

A despatch from London assures us that, after declarations from Russia and explanations by the French government, England and Prussia have decided upon absolute neutrality, in order to localize the war in Italy. An appeal has been made by Austria to Germany. The French

Emperor left Paris on the 10th ult. for Italy. The Empress has been appointed Regent, Prince Jerome Napoleon decreed chief admiral of the regent. The Admiralty have issued orders for the reinforcement of the Channel fleet. Rumors still continue of a general rising in Turkey.

The attempt to cross the Po at Fransera took place on the 3rd ult. The Austrians opened fire at 5 a. m., and kept it up during the day until 8 o'clock at night. They commenced again on the 4th. The Austrians continue to commit ravages and depredations along their line of march. A revolutionary movement is expected at Como; the tricolor has already been hoisted before the castle. The inhabitants of the Valentine are making great purchase of arms and ammunition. A revolution appears to be imminent. The Austrians are making heavy demands.

Letters from Rome state that the French garrison has been maintained entire, and 10,000 Austrians are at Aricona. The inhabitants of the Romagna are greatly agitated. Letters have also been received from Napoleon. The emotion of the king on learning the situation of affairs in Italy has greatly aggravated his disease.

About 15,000 Austrians arrived on Sunday evening, 8th ult., at Saimazzaro. General Schwarzenburg passed the night at Leno. The valley of the Scrivia is strongly occupied by the French. The Austrians have crossed a branch of the Po at Cambro, and have attempted to throw a bridge across the river, but the swelling of the waters prevented them. The Austrians were constructing bridges on the arms of the Po, one of which is called Tanaro, being the old bed of that river. Bridges are being built on the high road leading from Tortona to Alessandria. French troops and war materials continue to pass through Turin, and to arrive at Susa.

Despatches from the seat of war assure us of a brilliant *coup de main* by Garibaldi. It seems that this general, combining his movements with those of General Cialdini, has attacked the Austrians at Vercelli, after having made a forced march. He surprised them that city and beat them completely, bringing off 300 prisoners. A body of troops sent to support him by General Cialdini met him bringing back his victorious troops.

INDIA MISSION.

Collections received,	£10
Collections received from Mr. McLean's Congregation, Pugwash,	
per C. Culton, Esq.,	1 10
	£11 10

W. GORDON,
Treas.

Pictou, June 1st, 1859.