

The Monthly Record.

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It is a matter of congratulation in no ordinary degree, that the Presbytery of Pictou is to have another induction. To-morrow, (the 18th) Rev. D. McKay, Storer, Sutherlandshire, is to be placed over his new charge of Gairloch, in this Presbytery. It is well known how difficult, at the present time, it is to secure the services of a Gaelic speaking minister, and the people of Gairloch are to be congratulated on having found, or rather had sent to them, by the great Head of the Church, one so well suited to their needs.

Mr. McKay seems to be possessed of almost all the qualifications required to fit him for his new position. He is endowed with natural gifts of no mean order, and these have been matured by a ministry of many years. He is not altogether a stranger to Canadian soil, and already has taken so kindly to the country, that one would suppose he had lived here for twenty years. Besides his other qualifications he has physical strength and robustness, and a voice powerful enough for the largest church; and Gairloch needs all this.

Both ministers and people will, no doubt, evince their interest in the event of the 18th by being present in large numbers on that day in the Church of Gairloch.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PICTOU, Sept., 27th, 1876—Which day the Presbytery of Pictou met, according to appointment, and was constituted with prayer. Rev. Mr. McMillan Moderator, with whom were present Rev. Messrs. Herdman, Galbraith, Coull, Dunn, Fraser, McKichan, and McCunn, Ministers, and Messrs. Fraser, Baillie, and

Munro, Elders. There was laid on the table and read a call from the congregation of Earltown (including the Falls) in favour of the Rev. D. McKay, guaranteeing \$450.00 towards stipend, anent which it was resolved, "that the Presbytery having taken into consideration the call from Earltown to Rev. D. McKay find that they cannot sustain it, but at the same time commend their zeal in their endeavour to obtain the ministrations of a settled pastor." The call from Gairloch congregation was then put into the hands of Rev. D. McKay, and he declared his acceptance of the same. Mr. Herdman was appointed to serve the edict on Sabbath, 8th Oct.; the Indiction to take place on Wednesday the 18th., Rev. Mr. McMillan to preach and preside, Mr. McCunn to address the Minister, Mr. Herdman, the people.

Mr. MacKichan's motion anent change of place of meeting was, after some discussion withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Herdman, the Rev. C. Gordon Glass having been introduced to the court, was invited to sit and deliberate.

The Presbytery agreed to recommend the application of the congregation of Lochsive, C. B., to the Colonial Committee for a grant of £50. Stg., to their new Church.

The following appointments were made for October and November.

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| SALTSPRINGS, Oct. 8., | Mr. Galbraith. |
| 22, | " Dunn. |
| Nov. 12, | " McMillan. |
| 26, | " Herdman. |
| EARLTOWN, Oct. 8, | " McMillan. |

And two others to be afterwards arranged.

W. B. RIVER JOHN, Mr. McCunn to take charge during the quarter. Closed with the Benediction.

ROBT. MCCUNN.
Pres. Clerk.