

CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

At St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, Sept. 5th, 1860. Which time and place the Presbytery of Pictou met according to adjournment, and was constituted. Sederunt, &c.

Inter Alia.

There was laid upon the table a call from the congregation of the West Branch East River to the Rev. John Sinclair, at present a missionary within the bounds. It was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that in the absence of Mr. Sinclair, this call, along with that from the congregation of Roger's Hill and Cape John, lie on the table.

Mr. Sinclair received the following appointments to preach, viz:

September 9th, St. Mary's; Sept. 16th, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Sept. 23rd, Pictou Island; Sept. 30th, Lochaber; October 7th, Barney's River; Oct. 14th, New Glasgow; Oct. 21st, W. B. East River; Oct. 28th, Cape John and River John; November 4th, Earltown; Nov. 11th, Roger's Hill; Nov. 18th, W. B. River John; Nov. 25th, E. B. East River; December 2nd, W. B. East River; Dec. 9th, Cape John and River John.

After considerable discussion on the subject of co-operation with other Presbyterian denominations in this Province, in celebrating the Tricentenary of the Reformation on the 5th day of October next, the Presbytery find that it will be very inconvenient for them to do so, the Synod of our Church having resolved to celebrate that important event on the 20th day of December next, that day being the Tricentenary of the first meeting of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, when freed from Papal thralldom, and the day fixed on in Scotland by all denominations.

There was read by the Clerk a letter calling the attention of the brethren to a statement said to have been made by Professor King of Halifax, before the Free Church General Assembly, which met in Edinburgh, this year. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that, 'whereas in a speech said to have been made by the Rev. Dr. King, before the Free Church General Assembly (which report was given in the *Edinburgh Witness* and quoted by the *Presbyterian Witness* of the 30th of June last), there appears the following statement:

"He might also mention that several of the ministers of the Established Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia had told him, that they were quite free and independent, and that, if in Scotland, they would not remain in connection with that Church."

And whereas this statement involves a serious charge against the ministers of our Church in this Province, and is calculated to impair our credit and standing as honest men in no small degree: therefore this Presbytery

declares that as far as it may refer to the members of this Court, it is wholly untrue, and that, if it be true that said gentleman made such a statement, it is calumnious.

The Clerk was instructed to ascertain from Mr. Sinclair the number of services rendered by him to the several vacant congregations since his arrival within the bounds, to render accounts, and to advise said congregations that, unless paid before the next regular meeting of Presbytery, on the first Wednesday in December, his services will be withdrawn.

The Presbytery enjoin that a special collection be made in all congregations within their bounds in aid of the Young Men's Scheme, on the first Sabbath in October, and that the support of the scheme be strongly urged on our people.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on the first Wednesday in December, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Extracted from the minutes of Presbytery.

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ABSTRACT OF LAY ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1860.

Charge.

I. Funds in hand at 29th June, 1859, per abstract of last year, £177 15 10.

II. Income of the Association for the year ending 30th June, 1860, consisting of collections made in the following congregations, viz:

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| New Glasgow, | £22 4 7½ |
| Pictou, | 11 11 3½ |
| W. Branch River John, | 9 4 1½ |
| East River, | 8 16 6 |
| Roger's Hill, | 5 14 6 |
| West Branch, | 5 4 3½ |
| Cape John, | 2 14 6½ |
| Barney's River, | 2 12 4 |
| Earltown, | 2 8 8 |
| Pugwash, | 1 19 6 |
| River John, | 0 17 6 |

Total income, 1859—60, 75 8 0½

Sum of the charge, £253 3 10½

Discharge.

I. Payments made to the following parties, viz.,
Rev. John Sinclair, one year's allowance, £100 0 0
J. McKay, Esq., per bill, 0 7 6
do., Expenses to
Cap. Breton, 10 0 0
Robert Doull, Esq., Sec'y
"Monthly Record," 20 0 0

Total expenditure 1859—60, 130 7 6

II. Funds in hands of Treasurer 30th June, 1860, 122 16 4½

Sum of the Discharge, £253 3 10½