

Meeting of the Presbytery of P. E. Island.

At St. David's Church, Georgetown, on the 4th Oct., 1871, at which time and place a *Pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of P. E. Island met, and was constituted by prayer, by the Moderator.

Sederunt:—Messrs. McLean, Duncan and Stewart, Ministers, Mr. R. Munro, Elder. The Rev. Peter Melville being present, the elect Minister of the congregations of St David, Georgetown and Cardigan. The Presbytery having met for his induction to this vacant charge; and they having, at their last meeting, sustained that Mr. Melville's call was a regular Gospel call, they now proceeded to his induction as the Pastor. The Moderator then stated to the members of the congregation assembled, that he was now ready to receive any objections that may be presented as to the life, literary attainments, and theology of the said Rev. Peter Melville, elect minister, whom the Presbytery is about to induct to the spiritual oversight of these congregations of St. David and Cardigan.

A sufficient time being granted for the above purpose, but none was presented, the induction was then commenced.

The Rev. George W. Stewart of St. Peter's Road, proceeded to the pulpit and led the opening devotions, and preached a discourse from the third chapter and the third verse of the Apostle Paul's Epistle to the Colossians—"For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." After the devotional services had been finished, the Moderator addressed the congregation, and showed the various steps that were taken by the Presbytery to secure the services of a minister for this vacant charge. He also put to Mr. Melville the usual questions of the formula as contained in the Directory of the Church, to which he gave satisfactory answers. The Rev. Alex. McLean of Belfast, then addressed the pastor most solemnly on his sacred duties, and not less on his great responsibility as an ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ to sinners; urging him constantly to seek God's blessing, and that heavenly grace may be abundantly given to him, so that he might labour "*in season and out of season*" for the good of souls, and be a faithful, devoted and successful minister of the cross among the people over whom he had been placed as their spiritual teacher, guide and comforter. The Rev. Thos. Duncan of St. James' Church, Charlottetown, spoke with great power to the congregation, upon the relative duties that ought to be paid to their minister—a regular and devout attendance on all meetings for divine worship, and to

render unto him every respect and obedience as the shepherd of the flock.

The Moderator then, on conclusion of the solemn ceremony of the Induction, led devotional exercises in praise and an earnest prayer, that God would bless the union that now was effected—and that Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, would honor his servant with much success in this vineyard, and that the people of his charge may be faithful in all their duties. He then closed the meeting with the benediction. Afterwards the congregation gave Mr. Melville a most cordial welcome to their Pastor.

G. W. STEWART,
Presby. Clerk.

At St. James' Church, Charlottetown, on the 26th Oct., 1871, at which time and place the Presbytery of P. E. Island met, and was by the Moderator constituted by prayer.

Sederunt:—Messrs. McLean of Belfast, Duncan of St. James' Charlottetown, McColl of DeSable, Stewart of St. Columba St. Peter's Road, Ministers. Messrs. Kennedy Charlottetown, Martin of Breckley Point Road, Ross of Belfast, Cameron of DeSable, and Campbell of Orwell, Elders. Rev. Thos. Duncan Moderator.

The Clerk read the minutes of the last meeting of the Presbytery, when it was moved by the Rev. A McLean, and seconded by the Rev. James McColl, that they be sustained as correct, and be engrossed in the Minute Book. The Rev. Peter Melville, the recently inducted minister of St. David's Georgetown, and Cardigan, laid on the table the usual documents and certificates, which being read by the Moderator—they were all sustained by the court. And the Presbytery enjoined him to subscribe his name to the Roll of Members, and to take his seat as a member of Presbytery, and Mr. Melville did so, and received the right hand of fellowship from the court.

The Rev. Mr Stewart made application, for the next year, the annual supplement of stipend from the "Home Mission Board." Members having expressed their opinion on the application, and granting the usual certificate to the Board; it was deemed, however, necessary to have a united conference between Mr. Stewart's two congregations by a committee of the Presbytery. It was moved and seconded that a committee be appointed, consisting of the following members:—Messrs. McLean, Duncan and McColl, Ministers: and Mr. Kennedy, St. James' Church, Charlottetown, Elder. The Committee to meet in St. Columba Church, St. Peter's Road, on the 30th Nov. at 6 o'clock, evening, being the last Thursday