

Anent the collection for the Lay Association enjoined on Congregations not contributing by subscription, members report that they had either made, or were about to make the collection.

Collections for all the Schemes of the Church have been reported from most of the congregations. It is confidently hoped that those not yet made will be in the Treasurer's hands before the meeting of Synod.

The Rev. James McDonald being present, stated that the term of his engagement with the Colonial Committee as their missionary would expire in a few weeks, and as it was his present intention to return to Scotland, he begged to introduce a deputation from Barney's River, who appeared in the interests of said congregation to solicit the aid and advice of Presbytery.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Pollok, and resolved that the Presbytery meet at Barney's River, on Tuesday the 18th current, for Presbyterial examination, the Rev. Mr. Philip to preach.

The following appointments were made for East and West Branches, East River. East Branch, 16th June, Rev. Robert McCunn, West Branch, 23rd June, Rev. A. McKay. East Branch, 14th July, Rev. John Goodwill. West Branch, 28th July, Rev. A. Pollok, East Branch, 4th August, Rev. A. W. Herdman. West Branch, 18th August, Rev. J. Anderson.

The Session Records being called for, those of Pictou, McLennan's Mountain, River John, and Albion Mines, only were produced, which on being examined were found correctly kept.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at St. Andrew's, Pictou, on the first Wednesday of September, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

W. McM., *Pres. Clerk*.

#### ADDRESS TO THE REV. JAMES McDONALD, BARNEY'S RIVER.

THE following address was presented to the Rev. James McDonald:—

REV. SIR,

As you have intimated to us your intention of leaving at least for a time, the congregations of Barney's River, and Lochaber, where you have ministered for a period of three years, we cannot allow the present occasion to pass without expressing to you our sincere sorrow at the prospect of even a temporary separation, our respect for your personal and ministerial character, and our gratitude to you under God for your zealous exertions for our general welfare and spiritual improvement. We cannot forget that in coming to this country you made the unusual sacrifice, not only of the comforts of home, but also the attractions of a Scottish parish. Under your short ministry and specially by

your efforts, a very heavy debt, which crippled our resources, has been liquidated. By your liberality of sentiment, your uniform kindness of manner, your able discourses and pastoral labors over a very wide field, you have much endeared yourself and the gospel ministry to our people; and, while having done much for the promotion of a more charitable spirit among all parties, you have as we believe, much advanced the cause of Christ and the salvation of souls.

Our good wishes follow you wherever you may go. We pray for your safety by sea and land, and if it shall please God, your speedy and safe return to labour amongst us.

In behalf of the congregations of Barney's River and Lochaber.

18th June, 1867.

(Signed)

Robert Reid, Elder.  
Adam McKenzie, Esq., do.  
Duncan Robertson, Esq., do.  
Angus Campbell, do.  
Duncan McDougall, do.  
Simon Bannerman, do.  
Archibald McPhee, do.  
Donald Sutherland, do.  
Archibald Chisholm.  
Alexander McNaughton.  
Donald McIntosh.  
Archibald McPhee.  
Angus Cameron.  
John Cameron, Trustee.  
John Campbell, do.

#### REPLY.

My dear friends.

I sincerely thank you for this kind expression of your regard for me and for your wishes and prayers for my welfare. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to know that my labors among you in Barney's River and Lochaber have, in any measure, been instrumental in strengthening the congregations and promoting the good of souls. During my ministry here I met with much encouragement from many of the congregation, though there were discouraging things also. The exertions put forth by a number of you to liquidate the debt on your church, and the liberality with which many families among you supported the gospel ministry, have been great, considering your circumstances. And I will not readily forget the kindly welcome I always met with in my pastoral visits among you.

While leaving you for the present, to visit my friends in Scotland, I commend you to the care of the Presbytery of Pictou whose interest in you has been so frequently experienced by you. Knowing that God rules and guides our movements, it will be our duty to submit to his arrangements. I know not, as yet, what my future course may be. If he directs me back and accompanies me with His grace, it will be my duty to obey.