

after the disruption is to be found in this that once a month lady collectors called on every Free Church family in all Scotland for a contribution. It was one of the most perfect organizations in the world. No civil government ever invented anything like it. Indeed no civil government could work such a scheme for the collectors laboured voluntarily, and without reward. Every adherent was thus led to interest himself in the work of the church. The true idea of Church organization was thus realized.

It is quite true collectors will seldom come forward to offer their services; but let the minister pay them the compliment of asking them and no one will refuse. It is only with an effort that the most liberal will contribute. Even those who are under a strong sense of their responsibility will not give without an opportunity. The church must give them a chance. If the elders will not assist in this work let the minister do it himself. Year after year our Presbytery orders it to be done, and a few only obey. Is it to be so always? It is not the fault of our people. It is the fault of Kirk Sessions; at their door lies the whole blame. The church does not ask for large sums. A quarter dollar a family would secure \$500 a year in this Presbytery. Let our readers examine our columns and see for themselves what congregations do their duty. In our next article we purpose publishing a list of those who do not contribute, beginning with some of our wealthiest congregations.

Perhaps there should be a committee of two appointed by Presbytery to see that each congregation does its duty, with instructions to visit delinquent ones, and bring the matter before them.

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#### MINUTES OF PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

##### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

Pictou, 27th June, 1877.

The Presbytery of Pictou met this day, according to appointment, and was

constituted with prayer by the Rev. Geo. Coull, Moderator, with whom were present Rev. Messrs. Herdman, McMillan, Stewart, Fraser, Dunn, Galbraith McKay, MacKichan and McCunn, Ministers, and Messrs. Fraser, (C. John,) McBean and Munro Elders.

The representatives of Vale Colliery and Sutherland's River Congregation having intimated that they had made an arrangement with Mr. A. W. McLeod for his services as Catechist at the rate of \$600 per annum, the Presbytery agreed to sanction the arrangement. Appointments made at last meeting for Vale and Sutherland's River were cancelled.

It was moved, seconded and agreed to that Mr. J. C. Herdman, a licentiate of the Church of Scotland, (Presbytery of Edinburgh) being present, be invited to sit and deliberate. Mr. Herdman being requested by the Moderator, made a short statement as to the terms on which he had been sent out to this field by the Colonial Committee, from which it appeared that the Committee while paying passage money and providing outfit, give no commission to any particular Presbytery.

The Presbytery proceeded to the consideration of the "Rules for the Sustentation Fund" drawn up by the Committee, and published in the June RECORD; when, after some conversation and several suggestions made, it was agreed to leave the Rules open for discussion and emendation until the next quarterly meeting. In the meantime congregations are requested to choose their representative in accordance with Rule 6. It was further agreed that the first meeting of the managers be held on Wednesday, 5th Sept.

It was agreed to ask the Colonial Committee if they would be willing to pay for the services of a Catechist for C. Breton, or should a Gaelic Catechist not be available to contribute to the expense of supplying the pulpits of one or