

Meetings of Pictou Presbytery

The Presbytery met in St. Paul's Church, East Branch, East River, on Tuesday, 7th inst., and after sermon by the Rev. Wm. Stewart, was constituted with prayer by the Rev. W. McMillan, Moderator, with whom were present Rev. Messrs. Wm. Stewart, J. W. Fraser, Chas. Dunn, G. Conil, P. Galbraith, A. J. Mackiehan, and R. McCunn.

An extract of the minute of the regular quarterly meeting of 24th Nov., was read by the clerk, indicating the circumstances under which, and the purpose for which the present meeting was called. The extract is to the following effect: A deputation consisting of Messrs. Fraser, and McDonald, from the congregation of St. Paul's Church, East Branch, East River, having asked for pulpit supply for the current quarter, the Presbytery resolve to meet there on Tuesday, 7th Dec. at 11 a.m., and appoint the Rev. W. McMillan to preach in St. Paul's Church in Gaelic and in English on the Sabbath previous (Dec. 5), and intimate accordingly. The Moderator intimated that the Presbytery was now met for the purpose specified, and invited parties to state the circumstances of the congregation. Messrs. Holmes, Urquhart, Forbes, Campbell, McDonald and others made statements from which it appeared that the majority of the congregation were at one time desirous of being connected with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, but were now for reasons given, strongly desirous of remaining in connection with the Church Scotland. It further appeared that no steps had been taken to transfer the Church Property, so that it remains as always in connection with the said Church of Scotland. All members of Presbytery took part in the conference, which was of a most harmonious nature, and especially satisfactory, in view of the peculiar position of the congregation.

It was agreed to ask this Presbytery to supply the pulpit once in three Sabbaths during the current quarter. Appointments were accordingly made as follows:

Sabbath 26th Dec. Mr. Stewart.

" 16th Jan. Mr. McKichan.

" 6th Feb. Mr. Galbraith.

" 27th Feb. Mr. Fraser.

The Presbytery, continuing its *orderum* took up the subject of a "Monthly Record," and appointed Rev. Messrs. McCunn, McMillan and Coall, a committee to enquire regarding the cost of printing a "Record" in connection with the Church of Scotland, and report. Closed with the Benediction.

R. MCCUNN,
Pres. Clerk.

St. ANDREWS CHURCH, PICTOU,

12th January, 1876.

The Presbytery of Pictou met this day *pro re nata*, in terms of the following circular:

SALTSPRINGS, 3rd Jan., 1876.

REV. SIR.—You are requested to attend a *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou, in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou on Wednesday, 12th inst., at 11 a. m. Business: Call from East Branch, East River to Rev. W. McMillan, and supplement applied for.

(Signed) W. McMILLAN,
Moderator.

Please notify your Elder."

And was constituted with prayer—Rev. Wm. McMillan, Moderator, with whom were present Rev. Messrs. Herdman, Conil, Fraser, Dunn, Galbraith and McCunn; and James Hielop, Esq., Elder. There appeared from St. Paul's Church, East River, Messrs. Grant, McDonald and others, and from Salt Springs congregation, Messrs. Munro, McLean and McLeod, Elders of that congregation.

The clerk read the call from St. Paul's Church, E. River, which was signed by upwards of 80 persons, being Elders, Trustees, members and adherents of said congregation. In support of the call it was stated that the congregation were unanimous and very enthusiastic in their