

engaged in the cause of Christianity throughout the world.

We have said nothing of what is doing by the three great Presbyterian bodies in Scotland, as that will be found in its proper place. But we have shown enough to indicate the activity and earnestness of the various denominations in the great work of evangelizing the heathen both at home and abroad. The total expenditure of all the different Societies cannot fall much below a million sterling every year. But great as this sum seems it is very small and inadequate for the work to be done. The great bulk of mankind are still in pagan darkness, and the amount that Great Britain contributes to rescue them out of it is about sixpence a year on an average to each of the population. This seems very little, but let us consider that were we to come up even to that low point we would as a church in this Synod raise what? 30,000 sixpences—£750 sterling or nearly £1000 currency for missionary purposes. As yet we have raised nothing, but we are about to enter on the work, and it would be well to keep before us the example set by the Mother Country.

### THE CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA.

AT ST. ANDREWS' CHURCH  
Pictou, June 4th, 1862.

Which day and place the Presbytery of Pictou met and was constituted. Sederunt—Rev. D. McCurdy, Moderator, Messrs. Herdman, Pollok, McKay, McGregor, Sinclair, and McMillan, Ministers. Hon. John Holmes, Donald A. Fraser, Esq., Messrs. Sutherland, Grant, and McKenzie, Elders, and Mr. Christie, Clerk.

#### *Inter Alia.*

The Minutes of last ordinary meeting were read and sustained. There was read a letter from the Colonial Committee, declining the grant of £75 to the widow and family of the late Dr. McGillivray, recommended by this Presbytery on the ground that they have no funds at their disposal for such objects.

There was laid on the table a letter from the Rev. Thomas Tallach, Minister of Pugwash, demitting the charge of that congregation. After considerable discussion, the Presbytery agree to record their regret that Mr. Tallach should have resigned the charge of Pugwash congregation in so informal a manner, at the same time they agree to accept his demission, and appoint Mr. Christie to preach in Pugwash on an early day, and declare the

congregation vacant, and instruct the Clerk to prepare a copy of certificate to Mr. Tallach to be submitted to the Presbytery for their approval during the sitting of Synod.

It was moved by Mr. Pollok, seconded by Mr. McMillan, and unanimously agreed to, that whereas there are several congregations within the bounds of this Presbytery, the supply of which prevents the members from attending to the spiritual interests of Cape Breton, and the communities forming in the gold mines, therefore resolved, that this court immediately memorialize the Colonial Committee on the subject, and respectfully request that two ministers be sent without delay, it being desirable, that if possible one of them should be able to preach in the Gaelic language.

Appointments were made for the dispensation of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as follows:—

NEW GLASGOW, June 22.—Messrs. Sinclair and McMillan to assist.

WALLACE, June 22.—Mr. McGregor to assist.

ROGER'S HILL, July 6.—Messrs. McKay, McMillan and Pollok to assist.

WEST BRANCH, EAST RIVER, July 13.—Messrs. Christie, McMillan and Pollok to assist.

PICTOU, July 20.—Messrs. Sinclair and McKay to assist.

WEST BRANCH, RIVER JOHN, July 20.—Messrs. Pollok and McGregor to assist.

MCLENNAN'S MOUNTAIN, September 28.—Messrs. Herdman, McGregor and McMillan.

LOCHABER, September 28.—Messrs. Pollok and McKay.

Adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on the first Wednesday in September, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. Closed with prayer.

JAMES CHRISTIE,  
*Presbytery Clerk.*

### Report of Missionary Labors in Cape Breton by Rev. Mr. Gunn, from March to June inclusive, 1862.

AT the March meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou, in a minute taken down at the time (of which the Clerk furnished me with a copy), it was required of me by the Presbytery to present, at the next meeting of Synod, a Report of my labours as their missionary in Cape Breton, giving an account of the state of the Church of Scotland generally there, and such other matters as might be pertinent thereto.

Thus the task prescribed is twofold: First, to minister to our adherents there; Secondly, to furnish my committee with such general information as I might collect during the interval—adding any suggestions deemed appropriate on the occasion.

As regards the first—my labours, for various reasons (to be explained to my commit-