

minister of our Church has been settled at Pugwash, there may be many more staunch adherents of Presbyterianism induced to select it as their permanent dwelling-place.

I was much gratified with what I saw of our people here. It was on the occasion of the dispensation of the Lord's Supper; and on most of the days usually observed in connection with it, services in Gaelic were conducted by the Rev. Mr. McLean in person, and in English by a clergyman from a distance; and the attendance on both were such as to show that, unlike some of their degenerate countrymen, the Presbyterians of Pugwash have still retained unimpaired that love of ordinances which has so ennobled our Fatherland, and which is the richest legacy it has left us. On Sabbath the Rev. Mr. McLean preached in the open air to a congregation numbering between 1000 and 1200 people, of whom a large number spoke the Gaelic language. The attention manifested and the decorum observed were everything that could be desired—a remark which is not always applicable to such large open-air assemblages. Though the first time the Sacrament had been dispensed at Pugwash according to the Presbyterian mode, about 100 persons sat down at the table, of whom 23 communicated for the first time. All this is surely most encouraging, and makes this struggling station deserving of the sympathy of all well-wishers of our Church.

Unfortunately Mr. McLean's position here has not yet been such as his friends could wish. When the congregation gave him a call, they guaranteed him £120 per annum, which, considering their circumstances, was as much as could be expected from them. Even this inadequate income it must have been difficult for them, in the present trying times, to make up, though I have reason to know that several have contributed most liberally. As yet the congregation has received no support from the Colonial Committee, though I was glad to learn that the Presbytery lately agreed to apply to the Committee for a grant of £30 sterling. This is as it ought to be, for it is quite impossible that any minister can long remain at Pugwash, in present circumstances, without some external aid; and should the Rev. Mr. McLean be obliged to leave, there is too much reason to fear, from what I have learned, that this important station would be lost to our Church. A man of Mr. McLean's qualifications is evidently making a great sacrifice by remaining at Pugwash, and I trust that neither his people nor his brethren in the ministry will be slow to acknowledge the obligation. If it will afford him any satisfaction, I can assure him of the hearty sympathy and best wishes of

A NEW BRUNSWICKER.

New Brunswick, July 30, 1858.

### Meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

The Synod met in Prince Street Church, Pictou, on Wednesday evening, June 16th. This was its forty-second session, the first having been held at its formation in Truro in 1817. Gradually the original members have disappeared, until at this last meeting there was not one present who took part in the meeting of 1817. Two members of that Synod remain and their names are on the roll, Dr. Keir and Rev. Mr. Crowe, but the former was not present at the meeting of 1817 and the other was absent from the meeting of 1858.

The changes in the roll during the year past were confined to the Presbyteries of Truro and Pictou, the former having received accession of two members, Rev. A. Cameron, of Middle Stewacke and Brookfield, and Rev. J. Currie, of Matland, and the latter having lost by death Rev. Robert Blackwood, of Tutu-nagouche, and by demission of charge Rev. James Watson, and having ordained and inducted the Rev. Messrs Roddick and Thomson to the two contiguous congregations of West River. The Halifax Presbytery had licensed Mr John McKinnon, and the Prince Edward Island Presbytery Mr. Jas. A. Murray, to be preachers of the gospel.

Ordained clergymen present  
Ruling elders

In actual attendance in all  
Number of ordained clergymen on the roll of Synod

Ordained ministers and missionaries not on do.

Whole number

The Rev. George Patterson the retiring Moderator, preached a very able and appropriate discourse on "THE PRESENT TRUTH." (1 Peter i. 12.)

The Synod having been constituted, the Rev. Mr. Allan of Cove Head, P. E. Island, was elected Moderator for this year.

During the second sederunt, which was held on Thursday forenoon, 17th ult., devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator and Rev. Messrs. Baxter and Roddick, after which the Reports of the three Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Seminary, were read, and arrangements made for the annual Missionary Meeting to be held in the evening.

In the evening the Missionary Meeting was held. The audience was small for the occasion. The facts laid before the meeting by the Secretaries of the Mission Boards were interesting to all present. In addition to the intelligence already published in the *Missionary Register* from the Foreign field it appeared that Mr. and Mrs. Matheson had reached Sydney after a favourable passage, that they had met the "John Williams" and had sailed in her on her return from that port to visit the missionary stations of Eastern Polynesia, after which (D. V.) they will be landed at Ancientun. The accounts from Mr. Geddie were favourable—from Mr. Gordon, similar to those already before the Church—and the expenditure of the Board during the year not less than £900, still leaving however a considerably large sum in fund. The expenditure of the two Mission Boards amounted to more than £1100.

The statements of the Secretaries were followed by addresses, delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Roddick and Roy, which were appropriate, instructive and impressive. The singing was equal, if not superior, to any we have

heard, and tended greatly to add to the effect and to deepen the impressions of the evening.

The forenoon of Friday was occupied with Foreign Mission business and the affairs of the Seminary. The state of the periodicals was taken into consideration.

At the suggestion of the Board of Superintendence of Seminary, agents were appointed to prosecute the special effort to raise money for Building, Apparatus, Library, and support of that Institution.

The Report of the Committee on Colportage was next read by Rev. John I. Baxter, the convener, from which it appeared that upwards of 3000 vols. had been circulated during the year, amounting in all to 30,000 put into circulation during the last six years, the receipts and disbursements of the committee during that time amounting to about four thousand pounds.

On motion it was agreed that a deputation be appointed to wait upon the Synod of the Free Church, at their meeting in New Glasgow, to express the fraternal feelings of this Synod towards the Synod of the Free Church and to state the measures adopted by us ament the promotion of union.

The following committee was then appointed—Rev. Professors Keir and Rose, Rev. Messrs. Bayne, McCulloch and Christie, and Mr. D. McCurdy, Ruling Elder.

On Tuesday evening a Deputation from the Free Church, consisting of Rev. Professor King, Rev. Messrs. Murray, McKay, and J. Stewart Junr., was introduced to the Moderator by the Clerk who read their communications, brief but appropriate and affectionate, were delivered by these gentlemen and responded to by Rev. D. Roy, Rev. Professor Ross, and Rev. Mr. Bayne. These responses were all most friendly and felicitous in sentiment and expression.

The Synod adjourned on the morning of Wednesday the 23rd, to meet at New Glasgow in James' Church on the 4th Tuesday of June 1859,—closing with praise, prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

### Deaths of Rev. A. Farquharson and M. Sutherland.

The following minute was adopted by the Free Church Synod on this subject:

The Synod record their deep sense of the loss they have sustained in the removal of two of their most estimable members, the Rev. A. Farquharson of Middle River, C. B., and the Rev. M. Sutherland of Pictou, from the scene of their arduous labors in the Church below, where they had served their Divine Master with indefatigable zeal and with a large measure of success, to the rest that remained to them where sin and sorrow are alike unknown. The Synod deeply sympathize with the congregations that have been deprived of the services of these faithful pastors by whose lips they have been fed with the bread of life, and especially with the bereaved widows and their families whose earthly stay has been removed from them. The Synod earnestly commend their cases to the sympathy of the Church at large, and instruct the clerk to transmit copies of this minute to Mrs. Farquharson and Mrs. Sutherland.