

scheme of the F. C., have similar objects in view. Most Protestant churches have some such Funds for the purposes mentioned.

The advantages of the proposed scheme are obvious. It may be asked however, how can the money be gathered? That is for the leaders of the church to arrange. Half a dollar a family paid annually would accomplish it in a few years, with the addition of donations and legacies from wealthier men.

Were such a scheme carried out our congregations would not have such frequent and such long vacancies and our clergy would be more contented and more efficient. It has already met with the approval of several influential laymen who have promised it their hearty support. We trust the Presbytery may be encouraged to proceed with it.

J. W. F.

Meetings of Pictou Presbytery

INDUCTION AT GAIRLOCH.

Gairloch Church, 18th Oct. 1876.

The Presbytery of Pictou met here this day according to appointment for the purpose of inducting Rev. D. McKay to the pastoral charge of this congregation, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. W. McMillan. Sederunt Rev. Messrs. Coull, Herdman, Dunn, Galbraith, Fraser, Stewart and McCunn, and Messrs. Campbell and McDonald, Elders. The edict was returned, attested as having been duly served, and Mr. Fraser was directed to go to the most patent door of the church to give due notice to the people that the Presbytery was now met, and ready to hear any objections which might be made to

the life or doctrine of Mr. McKay, but none having appeared the Presbytery resolved to proceed with the Induction, whereupon Mr. McMillan proceeded to the pulpit, and having preached as appropriate discourse from John 21 15 22, he called upon Mr. McKay, and put to him the questions appointed to be put to all ministers previous to Induction, and Mr. McKay having returned satisfactory answers to the same he was then, by solemn prayer, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, inducted into the pastoral charge of the parish and congregation of Gairloch, and to all the rights and privileges belonging thereto and in token thereof received the right hand of fellowship from the brethren present. Mr. McCunn therefore suitably admonished the newly inducted minister, and Mr. Herdman most appropriately and effectively addressed the people.

The Presbytery having resumed its *sebrunt*, Mr. McKay's name was ordered to be added to the roll. A deputation consisting of Messrs. Maxwell and McKay appeared from the congregation of Saltsprings, and stated that they had, subject to the approval of Presbytery, arranged with Gairloch congregation to receive half of Mr. McKay's services, Mr. McKay in the meantime to occupy the manse of Saltsprings. The Presbytery approved of the arrangement, and the appointments to Saltsprings for November were cancelled.

Some conversation took place with reference to matters deferred from last meeting, and for the more careful consideration of these, particularly Mr. Dunn's motion anent a supplementing fund, the Presbytery resolved to meet in Andrew's Church, Pictou, on Tuesday, 24th Oct. at 11 a. m., and this sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

ROBERT MCCUNN,
Pres. Clerk.