

# MINUTES OF PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

VALE COLLIERY, 14th March, 1877.

The Presbytery met here, according to appointment, this day, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Geo. Coull, with whom were present Rev. Messrs. Dunn and MacKichan, and Messrs. McPherson, McLennan's Mt., and Campbell, N. Glasgow, Elders. Mr. MacKichan was chosen Clerk *pro tem*.

The Moderator stated that in accordance with minute of the quarterly meeting of Presbytery held at Pictou on the 28th ult., the Presbytery has now met to consider the petition of certain residents of Sutherland's River, Vale Colliery, and vicinity, praying to be formed into a separate congregation in connection with the Church of Scotland. The representatives of the proposed new congregation being present stated that the reasons for taking this step were given at the previous meeting of Presbytery, and that the people were very enthusiastic in the matter.

The New Glasgow session, through their representative, declared their willingness to have all the families at Sutherland's River, Vale Colliery, and vicinity, at present in connection with their congregations, detached from them and formed into a separate congregation. Mr. Fraser, Elder, and Messrs. McDonald and McMcKenzie, trustees of McLennan's Mt. congregation, said that though regretting this movement, still they did not consider it their duty to throw any obstacle in the way. It was then moved by Mr. MacKichan, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the prayer of the petition be granted. This motion was declared carried, Rev. Mr. Dunn dissenting.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the Presbytery did and hereby

do declare the petitioners a distinct congregation in connection with the Church of Scotland, and under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Pictou; and do also declare the following to be elders of said new congregation and members of Kirk Session, viz. Messrs. Alex. Cameron, Angus McBean, Don. Gray and John Munro. Rev. G. Coull appointed interim Moderator, and he instructed to call a congregational meeting on some suitable day next week for the election of trustees.

After transacting some other business the sederunt was closed with the benediction.

ROBT. MCCUNN, Pres. Clerk.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,  
Pictou, 2nd May, 1877

A *pro re nata* meeting of Presbytery was held here this day, Rev. J. Coull, Moderator, with whom were present Rev. Messrs. Herdman, Fraser, Millan, Galbraith, Dunn, MacKichan and McCunn, and Messrs. McL Fraser, and Campbell, Elders.

Mr. Wm. Herdman, student in ministry, having completed his full course of study for the ministry, and having applied for license as a preacher of Gospel, the Presbytery unanimously agreed to take him upon trial, and appointed the following committee to conduct his examination on subjects pointed viz. the Moderator, Mr. Fraser and the Clerk, to meet at Pictou Wed. 31st inst., at 9 a. m.

It was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the Rev. Jas. Fitzpatrick be present, be invited to sit and deliberate.

The following appointments made for Mr. Fitzpatrick :  
Vale Colliery, 11 a. m. } Sab. 6th M  
Sutherlands R. 3 p. m. }  
do do " 20th M  
Salt Springs Sab. 18th May.  
Earlton " 27th "