

Sederunt—Rev. Geo. M. Grant, Moderator, Rev. Wm. T. Wilkins, and Rev. John Campbell, Ministers, and John Taylor, Esq., Elder. The Rev. John Campbell was appointed Clerk *pro tem*.

The Moderator stated that the object of his calling the present meeting was to endeavour to procure temporary supply for St. John's, Newfoundland, as the Rev. Donald McKrae had received and accepted a call from St. Columba Church in the Presbytery of Pictou.

The conduct of the Moderator in calling the meeting was approved.

Mr. Wilkins having been requested to proceed to Newfoundland to take the temporary oversight of the congregation in St. John's, explained, owing to church repairs and other matters in connection with St. Paul's Church, Truro, over which he felt it to be his duty to exercise personal supervision, that it would be very injurious to the best interests of his charge if he were ordered to proceed to St. John's immediately. After some further discussion, it was found to be impossible to grant supply in the meantime, and it was agreed to take no action in the matter till the first regular meeting of Presbytery.

The business before the Court being thus disposed of, the meeting was closed with the Benediction.

JOHN CAMPBELL, *Clerk pro tem*.

### PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

A *pro re nata* meeting of the Pictou Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow, on the 9th August, at which were present Rev. W. Stewart, Moderator, *pro tem*., Revds. A. Pollok, N. Brodie and W. McMillan. There was submitted to the meeting a letter of a joint meeting of the East and West Branches East River, offering a call to the Rev. D. McRae, of St. John's, Newfoundland, to become their pastor; also, a letter of acceptance from Mr. McRae, anent which it was resolved, that the Presbytery sustain the documents referred to, and appoint the Rev. W. M. Philip to preach at West Branch on Monday, 22nd August, to moderate in a call, and take all the steps necessary in such cases.

It was also agreed to instruct the Clerk to enter the following statement of opinion on the Minutes, at Mr. Brodie's urgent request, viz.: "That the call be drawn up for West Branch only, and that the East Branch be supplied by the Minister of West Branch, as long as the congregation of East River desires it, but that it be in the power of the East River congregation to have a minister for themselves, with the concurrence of the Presbytery, and any supplemental aid that may be needed to keep up the services there." (Signed) NEIL BRODIE.

W. McMILLAN, *Clerk*.

### PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND.

THE Presbytery of P. E. I. met in the Session House of St. James' Church, on the 18th ult., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. There were present the Rev. A. McLean, Moderator, George W. Stewart and T. Duncan, Ministers; and Dr. Mackieson and John McLeod, Elders.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and sustained. The Rev. G. W. Stewart reported that he had fulfilled the appointment of Presbytery at Georgetown. On the subject of the *Presbyterian* newspaper, the committee reported that on account of the sickness of the Rev. Mr. Stuart, they were compelled to content themselves for the present with corresponding with the ministers of the several congregations, and urging, in the strongest terms, the necessity of immediate action in this matter. After some discussion, it was resolved "to appoint an agent to visit all the congregations within the bounds of