

Mr Cameron gave in report of moderation at Old Barns (which is henceforth to be known as the congregation of Clifton.) He laid on the table a unanimous Call addressed to the Rev. James Byers. It was sustained as a regular gospel Call. Mr Byers being present, the Call was presented and after a little conversation accepted by him.

Mr Sydney Smith appeared and presented a petition from the trustees of Folly Mountain Church, showing that they had accounts to pay immediately amounting to about £70; that a considerable part of this was due from shareholders, but they were unable to pay at present, and praying the Presbytery to aid them in their difficulties. Resolved to direct the trustees to collect as much as possible from shareholders. Resolved to apply to the Home Mission Board for £25 in loan. And resolved further to request the various sessions within the bounds of the Presbytery to make a collection for said purpose. Sessions and congregations will please make said collection at their earliest convenience and forward the sum to the Clerk of Presbytery, all of which he will duly acknowledge in the *Witness*.

The following appointments were made for the supply of Professor Smith's pulpit during the month of January—Mr Cameron, first Sabbath, Mr Currie, second; Mr McLellan, third, and Mr Byers, the fourth. The Presbytery agreed to recommend sessions and congregations to observe the week of special prayer. Appointed to meet at Old Barns on Wednesday the 26th inst., at 11 o'clock, forenoon, to induct the Rev. James Byers pastor over the congregation of Clifton, Mr Baxter to preach, the Moderator narrate the steps put the questions of the formula and induct, Mr McCulloch address the minister, and Mr Wyllie address the people.

A. L. WYLLIE, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.—The Presbytery of Pictou met in James' Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, 27th ult. Messrs Alex. McQuarrie and William Munro appeared as Commissioners from the congregation of River John, who presented a petition from said congregation praying the Presbytery to appoint one of their number to moderate in a call to one to be their pastor. After due enquiries by the Presbytery, it appeared that the congregation was at present in a most hopeful state, and that they were united and cordial in this application. The Presbytery granted the application, and appointed the moderation to take place on Wednesday 26th December, the Rev. James Watson to preside on the occasion.

A petition from the inhabitants of Goshen, St Mary's, hitherto connected with the Lochaber congregation to be organized into a separate station and to receive supplies of preaching. The Commission of the Synod of the Free Church, having recommended this plan, and their recommendation having been adopted by said Synod, the Presbytery proceeded to carry it out. The Rev. Mr Downie was appointed to take the regular steps for the election of Elders, Mr Alexander McDonald was appointed to preach there and at places adjacent till the next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr Adam McKay, Student of Theology appeared before the Presbytery and was examined as to the subjects of study at the last term of the College. His examination having been approved, the Clerk was instructed to certify him to the Hall.

Rev. Messrs. Bayne, Walker, Miller and Sutherland were appointed to supply Professor Smith's pulpit during the month of December.

Next meeting of Presbytery is to be held at Merigomish on Tuesday, 15th January, Rev. Mr. Blair to preach.

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCETOWN.—According to appointment this Presbytery met in St. John's Church, New London, on Thursday the 12th inst. Rev. Mr. Morrison, Strathalbyn, preached from Exodus, 14: 15, last clause, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." Several members of Charlottetown Presbytery, being present, were invited to correspond, and took their seats accordingly. After some preliminaries, the Presbytery proceeded to investigate the difficulties existing in the New London congregation. Mr. McLeod, in connection with Messrs. Buchanan and Campbell, compeered before the Presbytery, and the minutes in their case, adopted by the Free Church Synod, held at New Glasgow,