

Wednesday the 22nd July,—public worship to be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Sinclair; Rev. Mr. McKay to address the minister, and Rev. Mr. McGregor to address the people.

Mr. Pollok stated that in obedience to the instructions of Presbytery, he had proceeded to Burney's River, and had preached there on the first Sabbath of July; that he had held a meeting of the people to ascertain their wishes and what they were prepared to do; and that the congregation of Barney's River had requested him to represent them at the Presbytery, and explain that a Gaelic minister would be able to take charge of Lochaber as well as Barney's River, while an English minister could be of little service to Lochaber.

The Moderator, having left the chair, stated that he had proceeded to River John, had preached there, and had held a meeting of the people, who appointed Messrs. Strumberg and McKenzie as representatives to state their case to the Presbytery. These gentlemen having appeared, and being permitted to speak, explained that they were anxious that Mr. McCunn should be permitted to labour among them in the meantime on the understanding that they should pay for his services as a missionary until they were able to prepare a call. Mr. Pollok moved, seconded by Mr. McKay, that the Presbytery accede to the application of the River John congregation to this extent: that they are willing that Mr. McCunn labour there at present on the distinct understanding that a call to Mr. McCunn be tabled at the first ordinary meeting of Presbytery on the first Wednesday of September.

Rev. Mr. Sinclair requested that Mr. Law assist him in dispensing the Lord's Supper on the second Sabbath of July at Cape John. Leave granted. Rev. Mr. McCunn was appointed to preach at New Glasgow on the same day, and at Earlton on the third Sabbath of July. Mr. Herdman requested that Mr. Law be appointed to assist him on the third Sabbath of July. Appointment made.

The Very Rev. Principal Leitch having appeared at this stage, was requested to sit and deliberate as a member of court.

The Presbytery appointed the Rev. Mr. Law to labour in Pugwash until the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery resolved that whenever Mr. McWilliam arrived in the country, he should be sent to labour within the bounds of the Barney's River and Lochaber congregations until the first Wednesday of September.

Authority was given to Messrs. McMillan and Pollok to assist Mr. Law (if required) in dispensing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Pugwash on the fourth Sabbath of August, with power to hold a congregational meeting to ascertain what the people are capable of doing.

The Presbytery appointed the Rev'ds. Messrs. McKay, Sinclair and Stewart to pro-

ceed to Cape Breton,—the first two to remain three Sabbaths, beginning with the first Sabbath of August, to organize the congregations and to dispense the Sacrament in two places, if practicable; and the Rev. Mr. Stewart to remain for two months.

Rev. Mr. Pollok, as Convener of the Educational Board, having brought before the Presbytery our present position with respect to Dalhousie College, the Presbytery agreed to meet with the Board in Pictou on the 23rd July, at 11 o'clock, to aid them in every possible manner with their counsel.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at McLennan's Mountain, on the 22nd July, for the induction of Rev. Wm. Stewart, and for the transaction of any general business.

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### The Synod.

WE have had a most delightful meeting of Synod. Charming weather, every attention from all classes of our friends in Charlotte-town, a good attendance of members lay and clerical, important business transacted with order and harmony, the presence and most valuable assistance of the Very Reverend Principal Leitch, and the Rev. Mr. Snodgrass, from Canada, are some of the elements that contributed to make this meeting of our highest Church Court the most pleasant of any that we have ever attended. Twenty-six members, sixteen of them ministers, and ten elders, constituted the Court, and a very pleasant feature was that all were present on the first day and at the introductory services concluded by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. S. McGregor, who preached an admirable discourse which the readers of the *Record* will have the opportunity of perusing and judging for themselves. The Rev. Mr. McMillan was appointed Moderator for the ensuing year, and a more dignified or efficient Moderator never filled the Chair. Every one was delighted with his appropriate prayers, his brief pointed speeches when occasion called for any remarks, the good order maintained by him, and his invariable courtesy, and punctuality.

The three great questions before the Synod were the Home Mission, the Foreign Mission and Dalhousie College. It was felt with respect to the first of these, that if united and vigorous action were not taken by all our Presbyteries and Congregations, we would be disgraced for ever in the sight of the Church of Scotland. Eight missionaries have been sent to us in consequence of our earnest appeals through the Rev. Mr. McKay, and we have room for them all. Five have already landed on our shores, and before this is printed, the other three will probably have arrived. The Colonial Committee have paid the passages and outfits of the whole eight, and they understand that our people will pay the great proportion of the salaries guaranteed, £150