

seconded by Mr. Herdman, and unanimously agreed to, that a deputation, consisting of Messrs. McKay, Pollok, and McGregor, be sent to the island of Cape Breton during the month of October—their visit to extend to four weeks. The pulpits of the members of the deputation to be supplied during their absence on the following Sabbaths:—

New Glasgow, Oct. 5—Mr. Christie; Oct. 19—Mr. Herdman.

East River, Oct. 12—Mr. Sinclair; Oct. 26—Mr. Christie.

Gairloch, &c., Sept. 28—Mr. McCurdy; Oct. 19—Mr. McMillan.

Received the following sums as salary to Presbytery Clerk:—From Kirk-session of New Glasgow, £1; Pictou, £1; East and West Branch East River, £1; Wallace, £1; West Branch River John, 10s.; Gairloch and Saltsprings, Roger's Hill, McLellan's Mountain, Barny's River, and Earltown, have not contributed.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that a renewed application be made to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland for three missionaries to be sent out without delay—the application to be made through the Moderator and Clerk.

Annual Presbyterial visitation of congregations, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the matter be deferred until next meeting.

Mr. Christie asked leave of absence for three months, which was granted.

Mr. Sinclair was appointed to supply the pulpit of McLellan's Mountain on Sabbath the 16th November, and Mr. McMillan on Sabbath, December 14th.

Messrs. John Goodwill and John Gordon were examined previously to their proceeding to Queen's College, Canada, to prosecute their studies in the Divinity Hall, and the Clerk instructed to furnish them with the usual certificate.

Adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on the first Wednesday in December, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Closed with prayer.

JAMES CHRISTIE,
Presbytery Clerk.

ST JAMES' CHURCH,
Charlottetown, Aug. 27, 1862.

WHICH time and place the Presbytery of Prince Edward's Island met, according to appointment and was constituted. Sederant—Rev. Thos. Duncan, Moderator; Rev. G. M. Grant, Minister; The Hon. Colonel Gray, and Professor Inglis, L. L. D., Elders.

The minutes of last ordinary meeting were read and approved. Mr. Duncan reported that he had fulfilled the appointments given to him, with one exception—in which he had failed to implement, on account of absence from the Island. The Presbytery enjoined him to supply Dog River on the last Sabbath of September, and expressed regret that so

little could be done for the spiritual distitution of vacant stations until the arrival of another missionary.

Commissions for the ensuing year on behalf of the following Elders were laid on the table:—The hon. Colonel Gray to represent the Session of St. James' Church, Charlottetown; Allan McDougal, Esq., from St. David's Georgetown; and Isaac Thompson, Esq., from St. Columba's, St. Peter's Road.

Mr. Alexander Nicholson, and Mr. Robert Shaw, students, having appeared before the Presbytery, it was intimated to them that the committee of Synod upon "the Young Men's Scheme" had consented to receive them to participate in the benefits of the fund on the usual understanding, that at the close of their curriculum they return to labour within the bounds of the Synod. Mr. Nicholson craved permission to delay going to Scotland for another year, on account of having obtained a situation, in attending to which, he could also prosecute his studies. The Presbytery granted the request, and empowered the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements for Mr. Shaw's passage. Colonel Gray having then counselled, the young men with reference to the work in which they would be engaged, the Moderator commended them in prayer to the good keeping of the Great Head of the Church.

The Presbytery adjourned, to meet again in St. James' Church, Charlottetown, on the first Wednesday of December at 3 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

G. M. GRANT, Pres. Clerk.

Tables of Statistics.

IN the following pages, our readers will find some Statistics of our Church, which we trust they will look over with care. They are somewhat more full and perhaps make a greater approach to accuracy than those published 4 years ago. Still the returns can only be looked upon as an approximation to what it is so desirable to attain—a full and accurate tabular statement of the condition of our Church in three of the Lower Provinces. The returns, so far as made, we believe to be as accurate and reliable as any documents of a similar nature. It cannot be expected however, that they should exhibit any thing like an accurate return of the numerical strength of our body throughout the whole extent of the Provinces. We have adherents in every district almost of Nova Scotia, but organised congregations in only four out of the eighteen counties. We trust that this unfortunate state of things will not continue and that before other four years have elapsed, many stations now unavoidably vacant will be usefully occupied. We had intended to present something like an analysis of these tables, but every reader who take an interest in our Church can do that to more effect, and with more satisfaction by doing the work for himself.