

congregations had undoubtedly a relation to the Mother Church, which those who had entered the Union could no longer claim.

During my stay in Scotland, I took every opportunity of making enquiries regarding Gaelic ministers for our field, but was met with the universal reply 'almost impossible'—not enough Gaelic ministers for the Home Churches. I corresponded with the Rev. P. Gordon, Duncansburgh, who seems disposed to cast in his lot with us, on condition that some congregation here would give him a call on the strength of the Testimonials which he has forwarded by me.

I lost no opportunity, moreover, of conversing with ministers of our Church and placing in as favorable a light as possible the position of the minority, and to a very large number I sent copies of our "April" RECORD.

I may add that at Dalmeny, at Abercorn and on several occasions in Greenock I had opportunities of addressing large audiences on the subject of "Evangelistic work" and the progress of the Gospel in Nova Scotia.

I cannot close without referring to the warm welcome I received at the Manse of Dalmeny and at the Manse of Abercorn. The kindness shewn to me by Mr. Muir, as Convener of the Colonial Committee, I trust I am not wrong in regarding as intended to mark his deep interest in the church here, of which I was honoured to be the representative. Mr. Playfair, likewise, naturally takes a more than usual amount of interest in our Presbytery, and looks back with great delight to his visit last summer. To myself, personally, the Sabbaths I spent in these parishes were very delightful.

Respectfully submitted,

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Meetings of Pictou Presbytery

MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Pictou, 30th Aug. 1876.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou was held here this day—Rev. W. McMillan, Moderator, with whom were present Rev. Messrs Herdman, Coull, Stewart, Fraser, Dunn, Mackichan and McCunn, Ministers, and Duncan McMillan, Duncan Matheson, Henry Munro, Alex. Fraser, Alex. Baillie, Hector McKenzie and John McKenzie, Elders. A commission from St. Andrew's Church, in favor of the first mentioned elder was read and sustained; in the case of the others the formal commissions were not forthcoming, but were ordered to be produced at next meeting, and in the meantime their names were included in the sederunt. The Rev. D. McKay, of Stoer, Scotland, was also present, and the following Catechists, viz., Messrs. Charles McEchern, Jas. Fitzpatrick and W. C. Herdman. Representatives likewise appeared from the vacant congregations of Gairloch, Saltsprings and Earltown. The minutes of previous meetings were read and sustained. It was moved, seconded and agreed to that the Rev. Geo. Coull, Minister of New Glasgow, be appointed Moderator for the current year, and he being present took the chair accordingly. A vote of thanks was conveyed to Mr. McMillan, for the excellent manner in which he had filled the chair during the past year.

The Clerk introduced to the Court the Rev. D. McKay, and read a Presbyterial Certificate in his favor from the Presbytery of Dornoch. Mr. McKay was warmly welcomed by the