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It is not the intention of the RECORD to have written for it, '*Apologia pro vita mea*,' because, for one thing, most of our readers do not understand Latin, and for another thing it does not seem to us that any apology for our existence is needed.

It is quite possible, however, that though not to us, yet to some others, an explanation of our reappearance seems called for.

Indeed we have reason to know that some honored brethren consider that our unpretending periodical is not only unnecessary, but may be injurious—may be looked upon as the raising up of a standard of opposition without cause. To such we have simply to give our honest and earnest assurance that their fears are perfectly unfounded. Our people want a RECORD of their own, and we should like to know some sufficient reason why they may not have it. Any intelligent person who knows the work that the ministers of Pictou Presbytery have to perform will feel satisfied that they do not enter upon the additional task of conducting a MONTHLY RECORD for amusement, and we must be allowed to add that any one who knows their character and their feelings might feel assured that it is not for the sake of *opposition*. In the providence of God, we have a certain definite work to perform, and that work can be better advanced with a RECORD than without one. Hence our appearance. If it be imagined that our church is too small to have a RECORD of its own, we have to remind any who think so that it is not

well to despise the day of small things, or the doings of small churches. Curiously enough just as we are penning these few sentences, the English mail brings us *inter alia*, a Monthly Periodical of a church in England. How many congregations is that Monthly Magazine for? It is for one congregation—no doubt a large city church—yet that one congregation has a 'Monthly' of its own. No one dreams that it is intended to be in opposition to all the other churches in England, and no one should dream that ours is, in any sense, a standard of *opposition* or even of *unfriendliness*. We have a place to fill among our own people, which we believe we can fill better than a stranger, and accordingly we proceed to the best of our ability to fill that place.

At St. Andrew's Church Campbellton, the twenty fifth August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Five, at which time and place the Presbytery of Restigouche met and being constituted *inter alia*:

The Presbytery taking into consideration the irregular position in consequence of the Union, that has taken place among the different Presbyterian bodies in the Dominion, appoint the Moderator and Clerk a Committee to correspond with the Moderator of the Presbytery of Pictou, which like themselves continues to adhere to the Church of Scotland, so that in their future proceedings they (the two Presbyteries) may act in concert.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Restigouche, on this the twenty sixth day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Five,

I remain

WILLIAM MURRAY,
Presbytery Clerk.