

I wrote much about letters, just because I wished to make the strongest case possible of it, that my letters may flow in regularly in the future, thus cheering us and keeping up a continued interest in the cause and in us, and interest in all of you at home continued and deepened. I *know* I need not *ask* for letters. I know the worth of my many dear friends in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, too well for this; but in the multitude of engagements, and the great distance we are away, our friends are apt to put off till by-and-by; new ties are formed and we (not willingly) slip out of their thoughts. I know such is the case with myself. One word, sir, on this subject of letters. As cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

(To be continued.)

Presbytery Minutes.

Pictou Presbytery.

The quarterly meeting of the Pictou Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on Wednesday the 28th inst., at which were present,—Revs. A. W. Herdman, A. Pollok, J. Anderson, E. McCunn, D. McRae, W. Stewart, N. Brodie, C. Dunn, J. W. Fraser, W. McMillan; and J. Hislop, John Holmes, A. Ross and A. Baillie.—The Rev. Mr. Herdman was elected moderator, *p. t.*, and constituted the meeting with reading and prayer.

The Minutes of the last quarterly meeting, and of meeting of 28th June, were read and sustained, *Mr Brodie* dissenting from the latter.

The Rev. J. W. Fraser was then unanimously elected Moderator for the current year.

Members who received appointments at last meeting, reported them all fulfilled.

The Kirk Session Registers having been called for, in terms of injunction of last meeting of Presbytery, it was found that members who would be required to produce those Records, for various reasons, were not prepared to produce them to-day.

The Committee appointed to settle the arrears due for printing the *Record*, when in Pictou, gave in the following

Report, which was unanimously adopted:—

"Committee report that we corresponded with Rev. J. Campbell, of St. Andrew's, Halifax, and Mr. Brodie called upon him also, when he stated, that on Mr. Grant's return, the Presbytery of Halifax would pay their part, and your Committee would pay their portion, as far as your funds will enable them to do so."

"(Signed.) N. BRODIE."

There was submitted, and read, a document from the Congregation at Pugwash, showing,

1. That, in the increased and still increasing state of the congregation, they feel the inconvenience and disadvantage of not having a resident pastor.

2. The inadequacy of occasional pulpit supplies.

3. The necessity, for the welfare of the congregation, of a resident pastor.

4. The desirability of the Presbytery taking steps to have them organized as a separate charge, with a pastor inducted over them; towards the accomplishing of which they propose to provide a manse within one year after a pastor is settled, and to raise \$400 towards a stipend, which sum they hope, in a few years, to increase so as to be self-sustaining.

There was also laid on the table a document from the congregation of Wallace, concurring in the action of the Pugwash congregation, and, in the event of a separation of said congregation, resolving to guarantee a stipend of \$600 to a resident pastor, Mr. Anderson also concurring:

Whereupon, it was moved by Mr. McRae, and seconded by Mr. Pollok, that,

"The Presbytery having considered the documents laid on the table by the Rev. Mr. Anderson, bearing on the Wallace and Pugwash congregations, and having heard his desire to demit the charge of Pugwash congregation, agree to grant the same, and *Resolve*,

"1. That the Colonial Committee be applied to, through the Home Mission Board, to appoint a Minister to Pugwash, and be requested to guarantee, from year to year, for a period not exceeding three years, the difference between the sum assured by the Pugwash congregation and £150 stg.