

(For the Record.)

The Church at Pugwash.

I had lately the pleasure of spending a few days in the northern part of your province, at a place which, in the Indian language, means deep water, but which, to our unsophisticated ears, rejoices in what seems the very meaningless name of Pugwash. It is already a considerable village, boasting of no less than four places of worship, with a fifth nearly completed. It is likely, in the course of time, to become a place of no little importance, forming, as it does, a connecting link between the two provinces, and its harbor being one of the finest on the east coast. Its situation is most picturesque. I seldom remember to have seen a more magnificent view than that which lay spread out before me, while standing at a gentleman's door whose house occupies an adjoining height. The fertility of the soil equals the beauty of the situation; and as there are immense tracts of land still unoccupied, it presents an opening to the industrious farmer unsurpassed, perhaps, by any other part of the province. Should the Halifax and Quebec railway go on, as is now so confidently anticipated, it will greatly increase the value of the land in the neighborhood. To those who are admirers of rural beauty, or whose nerves need to be braced by inhaling a healthful atmosphere, Pugwash will further be found to form a most delightful summer's retreat, having the additional recommendation of superior advantages for sea-bathing.

I am sure your readers will be glad to learn that, in a place with such prospects, there is already a flourishing congregation in connection with our Church. The history of the congregation does much credit to the Presbyterians of Pugwash. About seven years ago a few families resolved on building a place of worship, and, much to their praise, succeeded in putting up a place of worship costing about £500 currency, and which, I understand, is now virtually free of debt. Though at that time few, and possessed of small means, they did not despair of one day having a minister to occupy the pulpit which in faith they had erected. They were not disappointed. About a year and a half since, they were so fortunate as to secure the services of the Rev. Mr. McLean, formerly of Salt Springs and Garloch, under whose able ministrations the congregation has already greatly increased. Since his settlement here, a strong tide of emigration has set in from the county of Pictou, attracted, doubtless, by the advantages which the country presents for farming operations, but which the want of a Presbyterian minister prevented them from hitherto availing themselves of. It is fervently to be hoped that now that so excellent and devoted a

It was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that a prayer meeting, in connection with the Synod, shall be held in St. James Church on Monday, at 12 o'clock noon.

A letter and address were read from a committee of Clergymen connected with the temperance cause in Nova Scotia. Thereafter it was moved and agreed to, that the Synod acknowledge receipt of such communication and express their desire to co-operate in this good cause as they have all along done.

The Synod adjourned to meet on Monday, at nine o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer.

JAMES MAIR, Synod Clerk.

FIFTH SERMON.

At St. James' Church, Charlottetown, the Fifth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight;

Which day the Synod met, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Sermon as before, with the exception of Mr. Lochiel and Mr. Moir, who obtained leave of absence.

The minutes of Saturday's meeting were read and sustained.

By the vote of the Synod, the report of the committee appointed to prepare programme of prayer meeting was amended, and the Moderator appointed to make general remarks concerning the present position of our Church.

The corresponding members from Canada not having arrived, the Synod agreed to take into consideration the Widows and Orphans scheme, and formation of a General Assembly for British North America.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the Synod express their gratitude to the Synod of Canada for their kindness in taking steps for giving them the benefit of participation in this fund, and appoint a committee to furnish the information required by the Canadian board for that purpose. Committee to consist of Messrs. Pollok, McRae, and Jno. McKay, Esq.; Mr. Pollok convener.

In reference to the formation of a General Assembly some correspondence was laid on the table, when the committee was re-appointed with instructions.

The Synod proceeded to the appointment of corresponding members—when the Rev. James Mair was unanimously chosen to correspond with the Reverend the Synod of New Brunswick at its ensuing meeting—to proceed thither, and deliberate and vote in said Synod—and, at next meeting of this Synod, to report as to the fulfilment of this duty.

The Rev'd. Thomas Jardine was unanimously chosen to correspond with the Synod of Canada at next meeting—to proceed thither, deliberate and vote in said Synod,—and, at next meeting of this Synod, report as to the fulfilment of this duty.

The Clerk was instructed to furnish them with the necessary certificates.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the Moderator be instructed to convey to the Colonial Committee, the grateful acknowledgements of the Synod for the powerful assistance rendered to them in their Home Missionary operations, and the assurance of their earnest desire, by internal effort, to relieve the committee as much as possible.

The Synod unanimously resolved to record their thanks to the friends in Charlottetown for their hospitality and kindness to the members during the sitting of Synod.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed and conveyed by the Moderator to the Reverend William Murray, corresponding member from New Brunswick, for his attention and assistance rendered to this Court in its deliberations.

Considering the present circumstances of the Indian empire, the Synod unanimously recom-

mend congregations to make an annual collection for the Indian Mission scheme; that the Rev'd. Thomas Duncan be appointed to take this scheme under his charge, and advocate it in the pages of the *Monthly Record*. The collection to be made on the first Sabbath of March.

Leave was granted to the Presbytery of Pictou to meet this afternoon at two o'clock.

The Clerk, Messrs. Nicol and Jardine, were appointed a committee to revise the minutes and prepare them for publication.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on the last Wednesday of June, 1859.

Closed with prayer.

JAMES MAIR, Synod Clerk.

Presbytery of Halifax.

A meeting of this Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, on the 4th inst., and was constituted with prayer.

Present—Rev. George Boyd, Moderator; Revs. John Scott and Thomas Jardine, Ministers. Commissions electing Mr. Jas. Thomson representative elder of St. Andrew's Church, and Mr. John Watt of St. Matthew's Church, were received and sustained, and their names added to the roll. Rev. Thomas Jardine was chosen Moderator for the ensuing year. Rev. John Martin's name, in accordance with a deliverance of Synod, was added to the roll of the Presbytery. The minutes of last meeting were read and sustained. The court expressed great satisfaction at the prosperous state of the Missions within their bounds, especially at Musquodoboit and Sackville, and instructed Mr. Wilson to continue his ministerial services in these districts. The deliverance of Synod enjoining this Presbytery to grant one-third of the supplies required at Truro was brought before the court; and it being understood (from Mr. Wilson, who was present at a meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou held on the 5th ult.,) that that Presbytery had made appointments for divine service at Truro on the first Sabbaths of August and September, the court appointed Mr. Wilson to preach there on the first Sabbath of October. On application, Rev. Messrs. Martin and Wilson were authorized to dispense the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Little River, Musquodoboit, in September. The Presbytery recorded their delight and satisfaction at the formation in this city of a Home Mission Association in connection with the Church of Scotland in this province; enjoined their members to co-operate with and assist this Association to the utmost of their power; and instructed the clerk to forward to the secretary a copy of this deliverance. The court, in compliance with the decision of Synod, enjoined the ministers of fixed charges within their bounds to fill up, attest, and forward to the Synod Clerk, before the first of September next, the statistical tables intended for publication. The next meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, on the first Wednesday of November next, at 11 o'clock, A.M. The meeting was closed with prayer.