

Messrs. Duncan and Stewart, and Mr. Charles Kennedy, to draw up a statement to the Synod based on these reports.

Mr. McWilliam stated that he had been unable to fulfil his appointment to preach at Clyde River, owing to the impassable state of the roads at the time. Mr. Duncan was from sickness prevented from fulfilling his, but Mr. Stewart had gone in his place. The other appointments had been kept. Mr. McPhail from Clyde River expressed the thanks of the congregation for the services supplied, and hoped that supplies would be continued, so far as the Presbytery could see fit.

A request for supplies for three weeks was also made from the Rev. Mr. McLean, who, by protracted illness, had been laid aside from duty. The Presbytery regretted that, in present circumstances, they were, in the meantime, unable to grant supplies in either of these cases, beyond what had already been given; but the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Rev. J. R. Thompson, Halifax, and ascertain if his services could be procured for a few weeks.

The Reports of the Lay Associations were then given in and read, from which it appeared that there had been collected up to date, by Charlottetown. £30; St. Peter's Road, £18; Brackley Point, £18 6s.; Georgetown. £19 6s. 9d.; Belfast, £21. After some discussion, it was agreed that each congregation allocate its own funds, inasmuch as the monies had been collected on that understanding, and, in some instances, expressly for local purposes, but that in future the funds of the Lay Associations shall be devoted solely to Home Mission purposes.

It was stated that St. James' Lay Association had given £10 toward the support of the weaker congregations, and it was resolved to ask the Belfast Association to grant an equal sum for the same object.

There was then laid on the table an overture by the Hon. Col. Gray, on the subject of Union with the other Presbyterian body. Members having expressed their opinions, it was moved by Mr. Isaac Thompson, seconded by Mr. Chas. Kennedy, and unanimously agreed, that the overture be transmitted to the Synod, and Col. Gray was requested to take charge of it.

Session Records having been called in, and a Committee appointed to examine them, it was reported that they had been found correctly kept, and the Clerk was instructed to attest them accordingly.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet on the third Monday of August, in Charlottetown, at 11 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

ALEX. MCWILLIAM, *Pres. Clerk.*

THE SCOTTISH CLERGY.

THE clergy of all denominations in Scotland number altogether 3,476. Of these, 1,254 belong to the Established Church; 907 to the Free Church; 599 to the United Presbyterians; 194 to the Roman Catholics; 185 to the Episcopal Church; and 337 to the smaller denominations, of which the Congregationalists and Baptists number each 82; Evangelical Union, 64; Reformed Presbyterians, 42; Methodists, 39; Original Seceders, 22; and Unitarians, 6.

The oldest clergyman in Scotland is Dr. Ingram, of Unst, in the Synod of Shetland. He belongs to the Free Church, and was ordained in 1803, 67 years ago. It is curious to note how largely the Celtic element prevails among the clergy. Of the three thousand and odd ministers, 461 have names beginning with Mac. In addition to these, there are 49 Stewarts; 40 Campbells; 23 Camerons; 32 Frasers; 21 Grants; 17 Gordons; 12 Grahams; and 18 Murrays. All the above are pure Celtic names; so that what may be called the Highland or original Gaelic contingent is a very important one.