

The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet at McLean Church, Whycomagh, on Wednesday, 4th inst., at 11 o'clock, A. M., for Presbyterial visitation and ordinary business. Closed with prayer.

K. McKENZIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

McLean Church, Whycomagh, the 4th May, 1870. The which day the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond met pursuant to adjournment, and after sermon by Rev. K. McKenzie, was constituted by Rev. Wm. G. Forbes, moderator *pro temp.*, with whom there were present, the regular moderator and clerk, and Mr. McLellan, elder.

The committee appointed at last meeting submitted the following as their report,—“Your committee appointed to visit the congregation of Little Narrows, met there yesterday, and have to report that after sermon by Rev. M. Stewart, they proceeded to investigate the state of matters in that congregation; first, as to what efforts have been made by the elders to uphold meetings for prayer and exhortation; secondly, what the Trustees have done in the matters entrusted to them. It was ascertained that the elders hold meetings on Sabbath, but no meetings during the week; that the congregation expended during the past year for missionary labour and painting their church, \$130.24. Thereafter the attention of the congregation was directed to the proposal to appoint a committee to confer with one to be appointed by that of Middle River,—whereupon a committee was appointed, consisting of four, representing the elders and trustees. Closed with prayer.

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The report was approved, adopted and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes.—Thereafter, the Questions of the Formula were put to the pastor of the congregation, Rev. M. Stewart, the Session, and Trustees. To these satisfactory answers were given. It was ascertained that besides the usual diets of worship on Sabbath, the minister holds meetings occasionally during the week within different districts of his extensive charge, and visits the sick; that the sacraments are dispensed in an orderly way; that the Trustees and Collectors are very diligent in the discharge of their respective duties, but the Presbytery regretted to find that the congregation has fallen into arrears in two years ending April last, to the amount of \$341. The Presbytery urged the duty of collecting those arrears as soon as possible, and strongly recommended quarterly payments in advance.

Thereafter, the congregation dismissed in the usual way, the Presbytery proceeded to compare notes as the result of examination of the Book of Forms, and to

note a few points which they thought proper to notice, &c.

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Besides the foregoing, the Presbytery met six times since last meeting of Synod.—They would like to be able to meet more frequently, but when it is remembered that the two nearest of the ministers to each other are 25 miles apart; that there are only three settled ministers within the bounds; that seldom more than two and an elder are able to meet—Rev. Mr. Forbes had just risen from a bed of sickness to attend the last meeting, being unable to preach the previous Sabbath, it will be seen that there is reason for their not meeting oftener, and why they are not fond of very frequently reporting their proceedings.

There are within the bounds at present five congregations vacant, and the Presbytery are most anxious that these should as soon as possible obtain settled pastors.—They are glad to learn that Mabou is at present supplied by Mr. Fraser, probationer, that their people at Margaree have the services of Mr. McKay, student in divinity, and that Mr. McLean, student from Scotland, has just arrived, whose gifts as catechist will be available to supply some of the vacancies during summer, yet two or three more, who are in a position to accept a call, are greatly needed. There is one feature of the congregations referred to, which, whilst it must be interesting to all right-hearted Presbyterians, shows their claims on the sympathies and prayers of their church; that with one or two exceptions, there is no denominational element but that of Presbyterianism amongst them. Hence the meetings for religious worship, especially on Sabbath are well attended.

There is just one other observation which suggests itself in connection with this. All honour to the memory of those who bore the heat and burden of the day, and to whom under God the stately tree of Presbyterianism in this island owes whatever is vigorous and fruit-bearing in its qualities. Some of them have years ago laid aside the weapons of their spiritual warfare and joined the triumphant throng above, but some others of them still hold an honourable position here, who have borne their due share of the trials and difficulties of a poorly paid ministry.

K. McKENZIE.

### Presbytery of Truro.

The Presbytery of Truro pursuant to appointment and notice, met in the Centre Church, Onslow, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. There was a good attendance both of ministers and elders. Since last ordinary meeting an “*In hunc effectum*” meeting had been held for the consideration of the “Rules of