

cardial support to a general Home Mission, were the Synod to set about establishing such a scheme in earnest.

GEORGE M. GRANT.

HALIFAX, N. S.,

*St. Matthew's Church Session Room,
7th Nov., 1861.*

Which day the Presbytery of Halifax in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to appointment, and was constituted with prayer.

Sederunt—Rev. George Boyd, Moderator; Rev. Messrs. Martin, Scott and Jardine, Ministers; and Mr. Wm. Hay, Elder.

Mr. Martin reported that he had been fully employed in preaching and visiting since last meeting, and that he had not yet obtained complete lists of those who intended to become communicants in Lawrencetown and Sackville.

Mr. Stewart reported that he had fulfilled the appointments given him, and was instructed to preach the two first Sabbaths of each month in Turro, and the remainder in Musquodoboit, till the next meeting of Presbytery.

Several documents were submitted by the Superintendent of Missions from a number of heads of families in Upper Musquodoboit, soliciting the dispensation of ordinances from the Presbytery through their missionary. On considering these documents, the Presbytery did not find themselves, in present circumstances, able to comply with the request, but agree to transmit them to the Kirk Session of St. Andrew's Church, Little River, Musquodoboit, and instruct the Clerk to send a copy of this finding to Matthew Burris, Esq., Upper Musquodoboit.

The Rev. Thos. Jardine, Collegiate Minister of St. Matthew's Church, stated that he now resigned the charge which he had held for the last four years in this city. The Presbytery, on receiving this intimation, whilst accepting the resignation, agree to express their sincere regret on parting with a brother who had rendered himself so useful to his congregation, being fully convinced that the members of this Court ought to be increased rather than diminished.

Mr. Jardine also resigned the office of Clerk of this Presbytery. The Presbytery, on accepting this resignation, express their deep sense of his accuracy, diligence, and courtesy in the discharge of those duties, and instruct him to deliver the Presbytery Records and all other documents to the Moderator.

Mr. Stewart was appointed to preach the next Presbytery sermon.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery

was appointed to be held on the first Thursday of February, 1862.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

THOS. JARDINE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

CHARLOTTETOWN, Oct. 30, 1861.

Which time and place the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island met, according to adjournment, and was constituted. Sederunt—Rev. Thomas Duncan, Moderator; Messrs. Maclean and G. Grant, Ministers; Professor Inglis, J.L.D., Elder.

The minutes of last meeting were read and sustained as correct.

Commissions were presented in favor of the following Elders:—Finlay McNeill, Esq., M.P.P., from the Session of St. David's, Georgetown; Dr. Inglis, from St. James', Charlottetown.

Compeared Mr. John Thomson, who signified his intention to study with a view to become a minister of the Church of Scotland. On examination, his progress was adjudged satisfactory, and it was recommended to him to continue his studies, in the meantime, in the Prince of Wales' College, Charlottetown.

Mr. Duncan reported that, agreeably to instruction, he had preached at Dog River, and that he and Mr. Grant had held a conference with a number of the people. The result was that a petition was now tabled, signed by over 40 heads of families, asking for regular supply, accompanied by a subscription list amounting to £23. The Presbytery resolve to make every effort to secure the services of a missionary for this and other stations within the bounds; and to this end, instruct the Clerk and Dr. Inglis to correspond with the Colonial Committee on the subject, and appoint Mr. Duncan to preach at Dog River on the first Sabbath of December and the third Sabbath of January.

Mr. Isaac Thomson and Mr. Grant appeared as representatives to request the Presbytery to organize a Kirk Session for the new Church at St. Peter's Road. As the Church is not yet completed, the Presbytery resolve not to meet to take steps until December; the Moderator to notify to the members the day most convenient for all parties.

The next regular meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held on the second Wednesday of February, at 11 o'clock, A. M., in St. James' Church, Charlottetown.

Closed with prayer.

GEO. M. GRANT, *Presbytery Clerk.*

THE CAPE BRETON MISSION.

Appointed by the Presbytery of Pictou to visit and preach, for a season, to the adherents of the Church of Scotland in Cape Breton, the Rev. John Cameron and myself left Pictou, on that mission, on the 19th of March