

both previous to the sixth before the next meeting of Synod, we find the congregation of St. Matthew's appointing the collection to be made on Sabbath the 12th August, when with a promptitude and alacrity worthy of the highest commendation, and with a liberality which showed their earnestness in the cause, we see that congregation collecting the liberal sum of £18 10 as their first contribution to this important fund, as a pledge of their determination to support our institutions, and as an encouragement to other congregations within the bounds of the Synod, to go and do likewise.

### Induction at Belfast, P. E. Island.

On Thursday, the 23rd ult. a meeting of Presbytery in connection with our church, was held at St. John's church, Belfast, P. E. Island. The special purpose, for which this meeting had been appointed was the induction of the Rev. Alex. Mackay, into the pastoral charge of the congregation there. This was something new, an event of great interest to the attached populous settlements, for they had been without a minister since 1849.

As we expected, long before the hour of Divine service, the people began to assemble in great numbers, and, when brought together by the sound of the bell, they soon filled the large and commodious building. The Presbytery having met in the mean time, those concerned were three times called, but no objections to the life and doctrine of Mr. Mackay were offered. The congregation being convened, the Rev. A. W. Herdman, of St. Andrew's church, Pictou, who had been appointed to preside, went to the pulpit, and preached an edifying and appropriate discourse from John's Gospel, 17th. 3. v. "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." After sermon, the Rev. Gentleman briefly narrated the steps which had been taken for the supply of this vacancy, and stated that the Presbytery were now to bring these proceedings to a close, by the Induction of the minister, whom they had invited to labour amongst them, and take the oversight of their spiritual interests. Mr. Herdman then called Mr. Mackay, and read to him the questions which the church has appointed to be put to ministers, previous to their admission to new charges. Mr. Mackay gave satisfactory answers and was then, by the residing minister, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Great King and Head of the church, and by the authority of the Presbytery solemnly admitted to be minister of this church and congregation, and the brethren present gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Rev. Alex. Macgillivray of Macleannan's Mountain, Pictou, then addressed suitable exhortations to minister and people on their respective and relative duties. As the congregation retired, an opportunity was given to them individually, to become their minister, which they did by a

cordial shaking of hands. The Managers and Elders having been requested to attend the Presbytery, inquiries were made into the state of the session, the state of the church and church lands &c. to which replies were given, which, we are inclined to think must have been satisfactory to the Presbytery, and encouraging to the newly placed minister. Suggestions were thrown out by several members of Presbytery, some of which we hope soon to see carried out.

We are particularly pleased to record, that several statements were made by parties connected with the congregation, warranting the inference that there exists a strong desire and no small determination to erect a manse. On the whole as we recall the past, and think of the future, we cannot but regard this settlement with feelings of peculiar satisfaction, and our prayer is, that both minister and people may be kept long together by the power and goodness of God, and that the relation now consummated may greatly conduce to their mutual edification, and be abundantly blest to their eternal welfare. We learn that on Sabbath immediately after, the Lord's Supper was celebrated, when Mr. Mackay was assisted by Messrs. Herdman and Macgillivray. It is said there never was such a large audience assembled at Belfast on any previous similar occasion.—*Com.*

### (Home Mission Fund.)

Charlottetown, 8th Aug. 1855.

Dear Sir,—

During my absence at the meeting of Synod, two or three of the children attending the Sabbath school, in connection with St. James' Church collected one pound Island currency, which on my return, was presented to me to be disposed of for missionary purposes. On mentioning that a Home Mission Fund had been instituted by the Synod, it was at once agreed to give the whole sum as a donation to that Fund. I have much pleasure, I assure you, in receiving this money from such a source, and in transmitting it for such a purpose. Four shillings are added not of the Sabbath school Funds, making the donation, one pound Nova Scotia currency.

I remain,

Yours truly,

W. SNODGRASS.

David Allison, Esq. Treasurer.

### St. James' Church, Charlottetown.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in St. James' Church Charlottetown, on Sunday the 22nd ult. On that solemn occasion 143 members, a number considerably short of that which stands upon the roll, engaged simultaneously in the act of communing. The greatest order and the deepest solemnity prevailed. The auxiliary services rendered by the Rev. Alex. McKid, one of the Deputation from the Synod of

Canada, were most refreshing. Plain, earnest, eloquent, and appropriate they produced an impression which, it is hoped, will not soon be removed. The collection made at the different diets of service on the occasion, amounted to eleven pounds and three-pence, of which £1. 10s. were handed over to Mr. McKid to assist in defraying the expenses of the Deputation, while engaged in missionary work in these Provinces. On Monday, immediately after the thanksgiving service, a congregational meeting was held. Mr. McKid delivered a most interesting address on the state and prospects of the Church in Canada, and explained the objects which the Deputation had in view in visiting the Church here. The Rev. W. Snodgrass, J. H. Gray, Esq. Elder, and Mr. McAuslan also addressed the meeting, and severally enforced the claims of the Institutions referred to by Mr. McKid. We hope, by and by, to see the satisfaction which we are sure, was felt by all who attended this meeting, manifest itself in some practical results.—*Com.*

### Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou in connection with the Church of Scotland met in Pictou on the 15th Aug. There were present the Rev. Messrs. Macgillivray, Herdman, Maclean, Pollock, Ministers, and Wm. Gordon, Esq., elder. The Presbytery, according to their practice, spent some time in devotional exercises, which were conducted by the Rev. William Snodgrass, of Charlottetown Town Prince Edward Island. It was moved by Mr. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Maclean, that the Rev. A. W. Herdman, be Moderator during the current year, which was unanimously agreed to, and Mr. Herdman having thanked the Court for the honor conferred on him, and expressed his willingness to do everything in his power to maintain order and harmony in the court, in its dealing with such matters as should come before it, took his seat as Moderator. Mr. Pollock was re-requested to retain the office of Clerk for another year.

Mr. Robert Cullen, elder, having presented his Commission from St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow, to sit in Presbytery and Synod took his seat as a member of Court.

Mr. Macgillivray reported that he had held no Meeting on the West Branch, in order to make arrangements proscribed at last meeting of Presbytery, whereupon he was enjoined to exchange with Mr. Maclean, for that purpose.

The Clerk stated that he had written to the managers of the congregations of Wallace and Pugwash, asking an explanation of the circumstances that no call had been received from them as promised, and that he had received no reply, but was in possession of a communication which he would afterwards read to the Court. A call to the Rev. William Snodgrass, with 102 names of heads of families attached, was laid on the table of