

gregation, moderated in a call in favour of the Rev. Lauchlan MacDonald, minister of the Free Church of Scotland, and that the call was very cordial and unanimous. His conduct was approved.

After Mr. George McKenzie, the commissioner from the congregation, had been heard in support of the call, it was agreed that it lay on the table until the meeting of Presbytery and that the clerk be instructed to write Mr. McDonald in reference to this call, and also to write the congregation of Earltown that all the arrears due their late pastor, the Rev. Alexander Sutherland, must be paid up before the Presbytery will consent to induct another minister over them.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Hopewell church, on the 23rd inst., for the visitation of the congregation and for ordinary business. The Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland to preach. Concluded with the benediction.

JOHN McKINNON, *Pby. Clerk.*

Truro Presbytery.

This Presbytery met, according to appointment, at Middle Stewiacke on the 16th inst. The congregation was upon the whole found to be in an encouraging condition. Mr. McGillivray is proving himself a workman not needing to be ashamed.—His labours are abundant and the fruit is appearing. The people are not forgetful of their obligations to him. They are about, it would appear, to proceed with the erection of a manse.

Messrs. Jacob Layton, Alfred Dickie, and Edward Grant, having finished their college course, appeared and were examined for admission to the Hall. They all acquitted themselves to the entire satisfaction of their examiners, and were certified to the Professors of Theology.

Mr. McGillivray reported procedure in a moderation at Stewiacke for a colleague to the Rev. Dr. Smith, and laid on the table a call in favour of Mr. E. McNab, preacher. The report was received and the call sustained, but deferred until further inquiry should be made into the state of the congregation.

Mr. D. Stewart being present accepted the call from Acadia. He delivered a lecture and read a critical exercise, as part of his trials for ordination. These were highly approved and cordially sustained. A communication was received from the congregation of Truro, thanking the Presbytery for kindness and attention shewn to them during the absence of their pastor, the Rev. Wm. McCulloch. The Presbytery cordially reciprocated the kindly feeling expressed, and recorded their congratulations to their beloved brother, his family,

and the Truro congregation, on the safe return of himself and family, and the extent to which they understand he has been restored to health; and their fervent hope that he will be long spared in health and vigour to labour in the Master's service.

Appointed to meet at the Folly, on Tuesday the 30th inst., to take the remainder of Mr. Stewart's trial exercises, with the view of meeting for his ordination at the Folly Mountain church, on Wednesday the 31st, at 11 o'clock, forenoon. The clerk was directed in the meantime to see that the edict be served in due order.

A. L. WYLLIE, *Clerk.*

Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond.

The Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond met twice since last meeting of Synod—First at Whyccomah on the 6th August last. The principal business being to receive and sustain the commissions of representative elders. Next at Middle River the 3rd inst. There were present as members of court, Rev. Donald McKenzie, moderator, Messrs. Kenneth McKenzie, William Sinclair, ministers; and Mr. Angus McDonald, elder; also as corresponding members, Rev. Peter McLean, deputy from the Free Church of Scotland, also Rev. D. Sutherland, missionary.

Mr. McLean having made a statement as to the object of the Colonial Committee in sending him on his present missionary tour to the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces; he also gave an interesting outline of his labours since his arrival in Nova Scotia and the Island of Cape Breton, within their own bounds, after which he retired from the meeting. Whereupon the Presbytery agreed to record the following expression of their appreciation of this appointment and acknowledgment of obligation to the said Committee, viz.:

"The Presbytery feel under deep and renewed obligations to the Colonial Committee for this further proof of their continued interest in the cause of Christ amongst them. From Mr. McLean's former valued and highly honoured labours in this Island, and from various peculiar circumstances which have during the past few years occurred within their bounds, the Presbytery regard this appointment as most opportune. No man could be more cordially and enthusiastically hailed as a messenger of peace and healer of divisions by his former and other congregations here, than the Rev. Peter McLean. The Presbytery would fervently pray, therefore, that the Great Head of the Church may not only make this mission rich in saving spiritual results to the souls of those amongst whom he has, with his wonted faithfulness, energy and