

Moderator *pro tem.*, Rev. P. Melville, and J. Moffat, Ministers; and Messrs. Alexander Robertson and Isaac Thompson, Elders.

On enquiry, the congregation expressed its high satisfaction with the Rev. Mr. Moffat, and signified its guarantee of \$244 towards his salary, as also its purpose to build a manse, forthwith, for his accommodation, the cost to be about \$1300. The Presbytery commended the *zeal of the congregation, and recommended an extra effort to be made to increase the salary of the Rev. Mr. Moffat, in view of their own prosperity, and to provide for his conveyance in his extensive journeys.* The Elders and Trustees responded very heartily to the suggestions made, and promised to do their best in prospect of his induction as their pastor. After some further arrangements, the Presbytery adjourned to meet at St. James' Church, Charlottetown, on the last Wednesday of January, 1873. The meeting was then closed with praise and prayer.

P. MELVILLE, *Clerk.*

Meeting of the Pictou Presbytery for the Induction of Rev. J. McColl.

In the Church at Earltown, 14th Nov., 1872, which time and place the Pictou Presbytery met by appointment, for the Induction of Rev. J. McColl, and was constituted with prayer, the Rev. Mr. Dunn presiding, with whom were present, Rev. Messrs. Anderson, Herdman, Fraser, McCunn, and Mr. A. Ross, Elder.

The Minute of Presbytery appointing this meeting having been read, Mr. McColl's edict was returned, duly served by Mr. McCunn, and those concerned were three times called, but no objection to his life or doctrine were offered. Thereafter, the congregation being convened, Mr. Dunn went to the pulpit, and preached an excellent and appropriate discourse from Matt. 13: 47. After Divine service, the Rev. Mr. McCunn narrated the cause of the vacancy, and the steps taken to supply said vacancy. He then called upon Mr. McColl, and read to him the questions appointed by Act of Assembly to be put to such as are admitted to new charges, to which Mr. McColl gave satisfactory

answers. Mr. McCunn did then, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the church, and by the authority of the Presbytery, solemnly admit Mr. McColl to the pastoral charge of Earltown, Tatamagouche River, and West Branch River John, congregations,—and the brethren gave him the right hand of fellowship,—and he and the congregation received suitable exhortations, respectively, from Messrs. Herdman and Fraser; and afterwards, when the congregation dismissed, the Presbytery resumed its sitting, when the usual steps were taken.

On motion of Mr. Herdman, seconded by Mr. Anderson, it was resolved to recommend to the ministers within the bounds that, on Sabbath 24th Nov., they take occasion to direct the attention of their people to the life and labours of John Knox, and the blessings of the Reformation.

An extract of election from Pugwash, in favour of Alex. Gordon as representative elder, was read and sustained. Mr. Gordon asked for supply for Pugwash; deferred till next meeting.

Enquiries having been made with reference to arrears due their late pastor, the Trustees stated that a committee had been appointed to correspond with Mr. McMillan in this matter. The Presbytery having expressed the hope that the congregation would brighten the prospects of their newly-inducted pastor by a speedy and honorable payment of arrears due their late pastor, closed its sederunt with prayer.

R. MCCUNN, *Clerk pro tem.*

Minutes of Pictou Presbytery.

ST. ANDREW'S CH., PICTOU, }
27th Nov., 1872, }

Which time and place the Pictou Presbytery met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Sederunt: Rev. Messrs. J. W. Fraser, Moderator, A. W. Herdman, A. Pollok, W. Stewart, R. McCunn, J. Anderson, N. Brodie, D. McRae, and W. McMillan; and A. McGregor, Angus Campbell, John Holmes, D. McDonald and Alex. Fraser, Elders.

The minutes of last quarterly meeting, and meetings of October 2nd and Nov. 14th, were read and sustained.