

Charlottetown, P. E. I., St. James' Church Session House, 18th February, 1862.

Which time and place the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island met according to adjournment, and was constituted. Sederunt: Rev. Thomas Duncan, Moderator; Messrs. McLean and Grant, ministers; Professor Inglis and Finlay McNeil, Esq., Elders.

The minutes of last meeting, and also of *pro re nata* and adjourned meetings, were read and sustained as correct.

Mr. Duncan reported that he had fulfilled the appointments for Dog River and Banookburn, and was instructed to supply the same places on the fourth Sabbath of March and the last Sabbath of April.

The Clerk reported that he had notified the members to attend on a set day at the new Church, St. Peter's Road, to take steps towards organizing a Kirk Session, but that no meeting had taken place on account of the inclemency of the weather. The Presbytery appoint to meet for purpose aforesaid on Thursday, March 27th.—public worship to be conducted by the Rev. A. McLean.

The committee appointed to correspond with the Colonial Committee anent an additional missionary, reported that they had fulfilled the instructions of the Presbytery.

The Rev. Mr. Duncan having called the attention of the Presbytery to the fact that, by the laws of the Province, the Church of Scotland was placed in the position of a Dissenting Church, a committee of the members present was appointed to examine into the laws bearing upon the subject, and to take whatever steps may seem desirable, and to report at next ordinary meeting.

Compared Mr. Robert Shaw, who signified his desire to study for the ministry in connection with the Church of Scotland. Having been examined in Latin, Greek, and Mathematics, his proficiency was found to be most creditable; and his testimonials being in the highest degree satisfactory, the Presbytery received him as a student in connection with the Young Men's Scheme, and recommended him to continue his studies at the Prince of Wales' College for the current term.

Messrs. Grant and Duncan were appointed a committee to make a special effort on behalf of the Young Men's Scheme among the friends of the Church on the Island, so that a sum may be raised commensurate with the demands that the Presbytery may have to make upon the general fund.

The next regular meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held on the third Wednesday of May, at 3 o'clock, P. M., in St. James' Church, Charlottetown.

Closed with prayer.

GEORGE M. GRANT,
Presbytery Clerk.

Presentations.

We are happy to learn that our people in Prince Edward's Island are getting into the way of giving presents to their ministers. Such tokens of regard have a far higher than money value.

The Rev. Mr. Grant has been presented, by the ladies of the Georgetown congregation, with a handsome Pulpit Gown, which cost over £11.

Mr. Grant has also been presented, by the ladies of the St. Peter's Road congregation, with a Pulpit Gown, of equal value with the former.

The same gentleman has also been presented, by the young men in one of his outlying stations, with a magnificent pair of Top-Boots, which will clothe him from foot to thigh, and enable him to brave the winter snows and the spring mud even of Prince Edward's Island.

Ladies' Societies.

We are glad to find that these benevolent and excellent institutions are now to be found in so many of our Churches. The oldest, and what perhaps is still the most efficient,—the society, in connection with St. Matthew's, Halifax,—has brought relief and gladness to the fireside of many a poor family. For that efficiency, it was largely, perhaps chiefly, indebted to the energetic and devoted labors of Mrs. David Allison. St. Andrew's, in the same city, has also been an instrument of much good for many a long year. The Report which we publish on the cover of this *Monthly Record*, of the Ladies' Society of St. Andrew's, New Glasgow, will show our readers how useful and important such an institution is in connection with a Church. It supplies funds for the many miscellaneous objects which can be brought under no particular head or class, yet which cannot be done without; it can perform an act of silent charity without parading it to the world; it can provide for the occasional wants and necessities of the out-of-the-way requirements of the Church, for which there is no particular fund, and which, notwithstanding, cannot well be dispensed with. It is, in short, a blessing to the Church; and wherever it is not already established, we would recommend its immediate introduction. Our readers, by glancing over the account of the New Glasgow society, will see how varied and praiseworthy has been the scope of its benevolence.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

THE Queen has presented the Rev. John W. Colman to the parish of Inch, in the Presbytery of Stranraer.

WE understand that Robert Dalglish, Esq.,