

Presbytery of Pictou.

*St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, }
March 2d, 1864.*

The Presbytery of Pictou met and was constituted. Sederunt—Rev. William McMillan, Moderator; Messrs. Pollok, McKay, Herdman, McGregor and Stewart, Ministers; Messrs. McKay, Ross, Fraser and McKenzie, Elders; Mr. Law, Missionary; and Mr. Christie, Clerk.

The minutes of last ordinary meeting were read, and sustained as correct. There was read a joint letter from Mr. McKay and the Clerk, to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, anent missionaries, which was declared satisfactory. An answer to the same was tabled and read, to the effect that the Committee were satisfied with the statements made.

The Presbytery have to record their deep regret that nothing has been received from the various vacant congregations who have been enjoying the services of missionaries lately arrived in the field. The Clerk was instructed to communicate with each indebted congregation, stating the amount of service rendered, by whom rendered, and the amount due, and intimating that a member of Presbytery will preach on a particular day and hold a meeting on Monday to receive payment,—failing which the Presbytery will consider themselves no longer under obligations to give further services. The Presbytery further reduce the amount for each Sabbath day's service to £2 currency.

Mr. Stewart was appointed to preach at Lochaber on the first Sabbath in April; Mr. Pollok at Barney's River on the second Sabbath in April; Mr. McMillan at Roger's Hill on the first Sabbath in April; Mr. Herdman at Cape John on the first Sabbath in May. Mr. McCunn was appointed to preach at Cape John once a month, and discharge all ministerial duty connected with that congregation until next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. McKay and the Clerk reported having fulfilled the injunction of Presbytery in communicating with Mr. Goodwill anent accepting a call to Barney's River and Lochaber.

The Presbytery appoint to meet at the following places for Presbyterial visitation:

SALT SPRINGS, March 15—Mr. McGregor to preach.

GAIRLOCH, March 16—Mr. Pollok to preach.

W. B. E. RIVER, March 22—Mr. Stewart to preach.

E. B. E. RIVER, March 23—Mr. McKay to preach.

MCLENNAN'S MOUNTAIN, March 24—Mr. Herdman to preach.

Mr. Law, Missionary, tabled a call and subscription list from Pugwash congregation. Mr. Law stated that he did not feel warranted in closing with said call in the meantime,

taking into consideration the present circumstances of the congregation. Mr. Law was appointed to supply vacancy in Pugwash until next ordinary meeting. Mr. Law stated that he had received from the congregation the sum of £3 3s. towards payment of his services.

JAMES CHRISTIE, Pres. Clerk.

Foreign Mission.

THIS Mission appears to be doomed, or the people are asleep. For nearly twelve months the advertisement for a missionary has appeared in the *Record*. It has also been for the same time in the *Home and Foreign Missionary Record* of our Church published at Edinburgh, and the *Presbyterian*, the organ of the Canadian Synod. But not a single minister, student or layman has offered. With all the zeal displayed by the Church in the matter, it looks as if we were scarcely ripe for action.

Ministers' Widows' Fund.

ALREADY we have, within the bounds of the Synod, three widows of clergymen.—two of their deceased husbands having labored for long periods in our midst, the third for about four years. Our Church very quietly ignores them. I believe all are able to get along and bring up their families, without being dependent upon us; and it is well they are, for we seem very unwilling to do anything in this matter. For years, our Synod has been legislating on the subject, but it has ended in nothing. Surely something ought to be done, were it only for the credit of the Church.

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New Brunswick.**New Church at Chatham, Miramichi.**

REV. Mr. Ogg's congregation at Chatham, Miramichi, finding their old place of worship too small, and otherwise unsuited to their requirements, have commenced the erection of a new Church, which promises to be a handsome addition to the architectural beauties of that little town. The site selected for the building is on the Wellington road, immediately in front of the Presbyterian Academy. Its dimensions will be about 100 feet in length, and 56 in width; and the interior will be fitted up in first-class style for convenience and comfort. It is gratifying thus to observe the progress of our Zion in this portion of the vineyard, and the readiness of the people to supply corresponding Church accommodation deserves the hearty approbation of all connected therewith. A Bazaar is to be held in the course of the ensuing summer to raise funds for liquidating the cost of erection. Contributions toward that object will be thankfully received,