

Murray has officiated at Bathurst, he has won the good opinion of every one by the affability of his manners and the abundance and acceptability of his labors.

THE CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA.

St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, Dec. 4, 1861, Which time and place the Presbytery of Pictou met according to adjournment and was constituted. Sedcrunt,

Rev. Thomas Tallach, Moderator *pro tem*, Messrs. Herdman, Pollok, McGregor, McKay, Sinclair, Ministers; Messrs. Donald A. Fraser, John McKay and McKenzie, Elders, and Mr. Christie, Clerk.

Inter Alia.

The Minutes of last ordinary meeting were read, sustained as correct, and ordered to be engrossed.

There were read communications from the Colonial Committee, intimating that on the representation made by the Presbytery, they had no hesitation in continuing the grant to Dr. McGillivray, the minister of McLennan's Mountain congregation; in the case of Pughwash, that they had agreed to grant the supplement recommended to that congregation for the last half year, but that they hoped it would be the last claim from that quarter.

There was also read a communication from the Rev. Peter Mackichan, stating that after serious and prayerful deliberation, he declined accepting the call forwarded to him from the congregations of Barney's River and Lochaber.

There was also read, a letter from Wm. Jack, Esq., Secretary to Committee of *Monthly Record*, requesting the aid and co-operation of this Presbytery in their endeavors to increase the circulation of the *Record*. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the elders in the several congregations within the bounds be instructed to visit their several districts, and urge subscriptions.

There was tabled a commission from the Kirk Session of Roger's Hill, in favor of Mr. McKenzie *bona fide* acting elder, as their representative in Presbytery and Synod for the current year.

Mr. Herdman thanked the Presbytery for supplies granted to his congregation during his absence in Scotland.

Mr. McGregor reported that according to instructions, he had ordained the elders elect in St. Mary's.

It was moved, seconded and agreed to, that a day be set apart for thanksgiving to Almighty God for his mercies in the late abundant harvest, and that the matter be left to Kirk Sessions to carry out as may be most convenient.

Mr. Grant applied for the usual certificate

to enable him to draw on the Colonial Committee for salary. Certificate granted.

Mr. McCurdy was appointed to supply the pulpit of McLennan's Mountain on the first Sabbath in January; Mr. Herdman on the first Sabbath in February, and Mr. McMillan on the first Sabbath in March; Mr. Pollok to supply the pulpit of Barney's River on the last Sabbath in January; Mr. Sinclair to supply Lochaber on the last Sabbath in February, and Mr. McGregor Barney's River on the last Sabbath in March.

There was received the sum of £1 from the Kirk Session of McLennan's Mountain, and also thirteen shillings and sixpence from that of Barney's River, towards the salary of the Presbytery Clerk.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on the first Wednesday in March, 1862, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. Closed with prayer.

JAMES CHRISTIE, *Presby. Clerk.*

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

In reference to a letter published in our November number, signed Alex. McKay, we have been requested to publish the following Excerpt from Minute:

CHARLOTTEOWN, 20th Nov., 1861.

The attention of the Presbytery was called to a letter signed "Alex. McKay," in the November number of the *Record*, containing animadversions on the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island. After deliberation, the following deliverance was unanimously adopted:

The Presbytery do not deem it consistent with their position to enter on a refutation in a public print of the charges made in the letter aforesaid, but have no hesitation in avowing that they are able to prove that the allegations are both uncalled for and groundless. In the exercise of Christian charity, they would carefully abstain from imputing motives, contenting themselves with a simple disclaimer. Deeming this sufficient for their own vindication, they resolve to take no further notice of this matter unless it be brought in regular form before a superior court, and instruct their clerk to forward an extract from this minute to the Editor of the *Record* for insertion in next number."

Extracted from the Minutes of Presbytery by G. M. GRANT, *Presbytery Clk.*

[In reference to the above, so far as the *Record* is concerned, we hope we will not again be called upon to insert anything of a merely personal nature. We have now given the use of our columns to both parties in this matter, as we were bound in common fairness to do, the misapprehension having originated from a note published in our pages—though as we believe all are now satisfied, with not the most distant intention to hurt the feelings